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Bush fears top aide may hock up a hairball, insiders report

WHITE HOUSE insiders have expressed concern about the mental stability of National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice after she showed up at a meeting decked out in a full Catwoman costume!

"I hereby declare a one-woman war on terrorism," Condi reportedly told stunned aides as she cracked a black bullwhip on the conference-room table for emphasis.

"From this day forward, let all evil-doers who threaten the security of this nation fear the wrath of Catwoman."

The 14 flabbergasted staffers in attendance used words like "surreal" and "creepy" to describe the scene.

"At first we thought it was all some kind of a gag — although Dr. Rice hasn't told a joke or laughed in public since February 2000," says an eyewitness. "But when she was done with her 'presentation,' she hissed loudly, marched out of the room — swiveling her hips back and forth in those skintight leather pants — and slammed the door behind her.

"We waited for about 20 minutes and she never came back. That's when someone said, 'Oh my God, she's really lost it.'"

Another witness described the National Security Advisor's persona at the meeting as eerily different from her norm.

"Usually Condi is all business, stern and very reserved," explains the source. "At the meeting she was behaving in a much more flamboyant manner — at one point springing up on the table on all fours.

"By the way, she looked surprisingly good in the costume. Ordinarily, Condi dresses so conservatively no one notices her figure, but after seeing her in a push-up bra, trust me when I tell you: She's stacked!"

The White House refuses to confirm the unsettling report. But privately, administration officials admit President Bush is "very concerned" about the mental state of his trusted advisor.

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RICE THINKS CATWOMAN!

By MIKE FOSTER

NO-NONSENSE
Condi may have snapped under the pressure of dealing with America's war on terror, White House aides say.

House aide speaking on the condition of anonymity.

"She's been on the front line of the war on terror from the beginning. This thing has taken its toll on all of us — and in her case, we could be seeing a form of post-traumatic stress syndrome.

"It sounds like she's experiencing a total break from reality. Bush is actually afraid she may spit up a hairball during a public appearance — a bad move during an election year."

authority on geopolitics, say that the episode took place just five days after Condi, 49, saw a private White House screening of the new flick *Catwoman* starring Halle Berry.

"Condi couldn't stop raving about the movie," recalls a pal. "I think she strongly identifies with Patience Phillips, the mousy graphic artist who turns into Catwoman.

Did you know?

Ashley Judd was originally slated for the lead role of Catwoman (2004).

one is a fierce, powerful tigress.

"People have told Condi that she looks like Halle Berry and maybe that intensified her identification with the character. In a way, what's happened isn't all that surprising."

President Bush has reportedly ordered Catwoman-crazed Condi to undergo a psychiatric evaluation. And sources say he's banned the

But oddly enough, some experts believe that allowing Condi to publicly don the head-turning outfit could serve a purpose in the war on terror.

"Islamic fundamentalists like Osama Bin Laden have a deep-seated fear and hatred of strong, powerful women," observes *Weekly World News* national security analyst Peter Colengrini.

"The idea that a real-life Catwoman in the form of Condoleezza Rice has marked

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ESKIMOS ON MARS:
Who'da thunk it?

Eskimos beat us to Mars?

DEAR EDITOR, Talk about a letdown. Eskimos beat us to Mars (August 2, 2004)?!? I can't hide my shock. I'm kind of excited about knowing people can actually survive on other planets, but I have to say I'm disappointed with the Bush administration for trying to keep this discovery under wraps.

Americans have been looking for signs of civilization on Mars for quite some time now, and now it seems the whole search has been a hoax.

If these Eskimos are really over there, then why keep them a secret? Shouldn't we befriend them and learn from them? Why do we always have to learn everything the hard way? I swear, Americans are so stubborn. — Hugh P., Alderport, Maine

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Dear Editor, Kudos to whoever draws up all those hysterical news 'toons in *Weekly World News*. The first thing I do when I pick up my copy of your paper every week is flip through and check them out.

They are absolutely fabulous. I just wish there were more of them! — Elnora S., Rawlins, Wyo.

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Dear Editor, I would just like to make sure all the wives out there read the story about nose hair being the next fashion craze (August 2, 2004). I know my wife is always getting on me about trimming my nose hairs, and frankly, it is a big pain in the butt.

Now I sure as heck don't want my wife running around with long hairs hanging out of her nose like you guys say the French do, but I don't think a couple little strands here and there poking out of a nostril is that disgusting on a man. It's just part of life — especially when you get up in years.

I'm sure there's plenty of guys out there with the same problem. Well, listen up you nagging wives — leave us alone! Can't you see that we're just making an effort to be 'cool' and 'with it?' Nose hair is beautiful. — L. Walburn, Stanton, Calif.

Honestly L., you're scaring us . . . And we feel sorry for your poor wife that has to deal with you.

We think you should listen to her advice. A little grooming goes a long way. Either that, or go to France with the rest of the hairy freaks!

Letter of the Week

DEAR EDITOR, I don't understand why America is so upset about Vice President Dick Cheney (August 2, 2004) telling someone to "F-off."

I mean, in the real world, people curse all time. It's about time these politicians get the ball rolling. I bet a bunch of the other stiffs in Washington will soon follow suit.

There's no way they don't use that kind of language all the time, anyway. With so many different opinions in the comment and I don't think anyone else should be either. Sometimes the nice little words in the dictionary just aren't enough to express what we really mean and we have to call on our 'I really mean it' vocabulary. A little "s---" and

IT'S AS A

By NIKKI BRUCE

WHILE millions of Americans would like to see the U.S. Mint put Ronald Reagan on the silver dollar, gay activists are pushing hard for a queer new $3 bill with piano great Liberace's grinning face on the front — and his trademark candelabra on the back!

And instead of "In God We Trust," the money as proposed will say, "Call me Lee!"

Congressional insiders say there's a strong chance that proponents of the very funny money will get what they want because politicians who've been afraid to support gay marriages for fear of losing heterosexual votes don't want to push their luck by snubbing the gay community again.

"Liberace's face on a $3 bill is yummy idea — I love it!" gushes gay activist Phil Renard, of Sacramento, Calif.

"What better ambassador of goodwill for the gay community than a man who bridged the gap between homosexuals and heterosexuals and kept so many mil-

AS QUEER $3 BILL!

Gays pushing for Liberace's face on our money

more for tolerance and understanding of the gay lifestyle than Ellen DeGeneres, Rosie O'Donnell and Vice President Cheney's lesbian daughter, Mary, combined."

Pres. Bush and his Democratic rival, John Kerry, are doing their best to avoid talking about the new "gay money" to stave off a controversy that could inflame mainstream voters as election day nears.

Privately, both are said to support the creation of the queer new bill if for no other reason than both are, according to insiders, big fans of Liberace, who denied he was gay until HIV-AIDS cut him down in 1987.

"Liberace was flaming gay before flaming gayness was cool, and make no mistake, it took monumental courage to live as flamboyantly as he did way back when in '80s," says gay New York filmmaker Reg Meldo.

"If this new $3 bill becomes a reality, it's going to be great. I can't wait to see the looks on the faces of rednecks and homophobes when some gum-popping clerk hands them one as change.

"And once they put Liberace in their pocket, they'll have to grapple with the fact that one of the gayest gay guys who ever lived has managed to get into their pants — with their blessing."

Opponents of the new bill say gays are barking up the wrong tree if they think putting Liberace on a $3 bill is going to improve relations between homosexuals and straight folks, especially those on the religious right who think being gay is immoral.

"You won't catch me accepting any Liberace money in my collec-

PAGE 5 GIRL NEXT DOOR

Bronzed babe

We think we're in love. . . Heather Joy is a brown-eyed, brunette bombshell that stacks up a perfect 34D-23-36. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, romantic Italian dinner dates and tanning her deliciously bronzed body at the beach. She's come all the way from San Jose, Calif., to grace our pages. Well Heather, just

DING DONG DAVID

Cleaning snafu leaves statue bare

A MUCH-HERALDED attempt to clean Michelangelo's David with an experimental formula backfired big time when the combination of distilled water, mineral spirits, cellulose pulp and clay caused the statue's genitalia to drop off!

"It was a horrifying moment — the low point of my career," says a female art historian involved in the restoration. "One second, David's manhood was securely attached to the rest of the statue, the next it was in my hand."

A paper mache substitute was hastily crafted and put in place before the public was any the wiser. But experts call that "a stop-gap measure," warning the makeshift wiener could come unglued at any moment.

"That could be quite shocking to visitors," says an insider at the Galleria dell'Accademia in Florence, where the gigantic marble nude is displayed.

The cleaning plan was highly controversial when it was first announced in 2002. Some 50 international scholars warned that the experimental solution had not been sufficiently tested. But officials insisted it was vital to remove the unsightly yellowish beeswax that had accumulated since David was sculpted in 1504, in time for an official unveiling this September.

Red-faced Italian art officials are downplaying the snafu, saying that if all else fails, a metal fig leaf can be placed over the vital area, as was briefly done during more puritanical times.

Did you know . . .

● "The Pieta" is the only sculpture on which Michelangelo is believed to have carved his

BUSH CLONE TURNS FOUR

Kid has White House potential, expert says

A CLONE of President George Bush that was created in a top-secret experiment just months before he was elected President in the year 2000 has just celebrated its fourth birthday, and sources say the monkey-eared boy is the spitting image of Dubya in more ways than one.

Not only does young George III look exactly like the President, say the insiders, he also shares his physical, emotional and psychological strengths, weaknesses, quirks and traits, as evidenced by the fact that, just like the commander in chief, he:

● Stammers and draws blanks when talking off the cuff, but is smooth in delivering three- and four-word sentence fragments read off the kiddie TelePrompTer in his playroom.

● Says "nuke-ular" instead of nuclear and "oyst-cher" instead of oyster and pitches a hissy fit if anybody points it out to him.

● Is hard-headed, makes snap decisions based on little or no evidence and is determined to get his way no matter what.

● Is deeply religious and convinced that he is on a "mission from Jesus" to protect other children from the Devil.

● Is a peerless politician, often playing one doctor off another to get extra snacks, a new toy, or a few extra dollars for a rich friend's piggy bank.

● Answers embarrassing questions by asking another question or veering off-topic and yammering about something unrelated.

● Tells bald-faced "kiddie lies" over and over again, apparently believing that if he repeats them often enough, people will believe them.

● Likes to play "fighter pilot" and "National Guard" but often tires of the game and flits off to do something less strenuous and demanding while his playmates clean up the mess.

The clone could take over the White House if something

"He is, in fact, an exact duplicate of the President right down the finest behavioral detail," says a researcher who has been involved in the upbringing of the clone that was created on Aug. 12, 2000, just a few months before Bush finagled his way past Al Gore into the White House.

ARE YOU KIDDING?

Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger paid $772,500 for President John F. Kennedy's golf clubs at a 1996 auction.

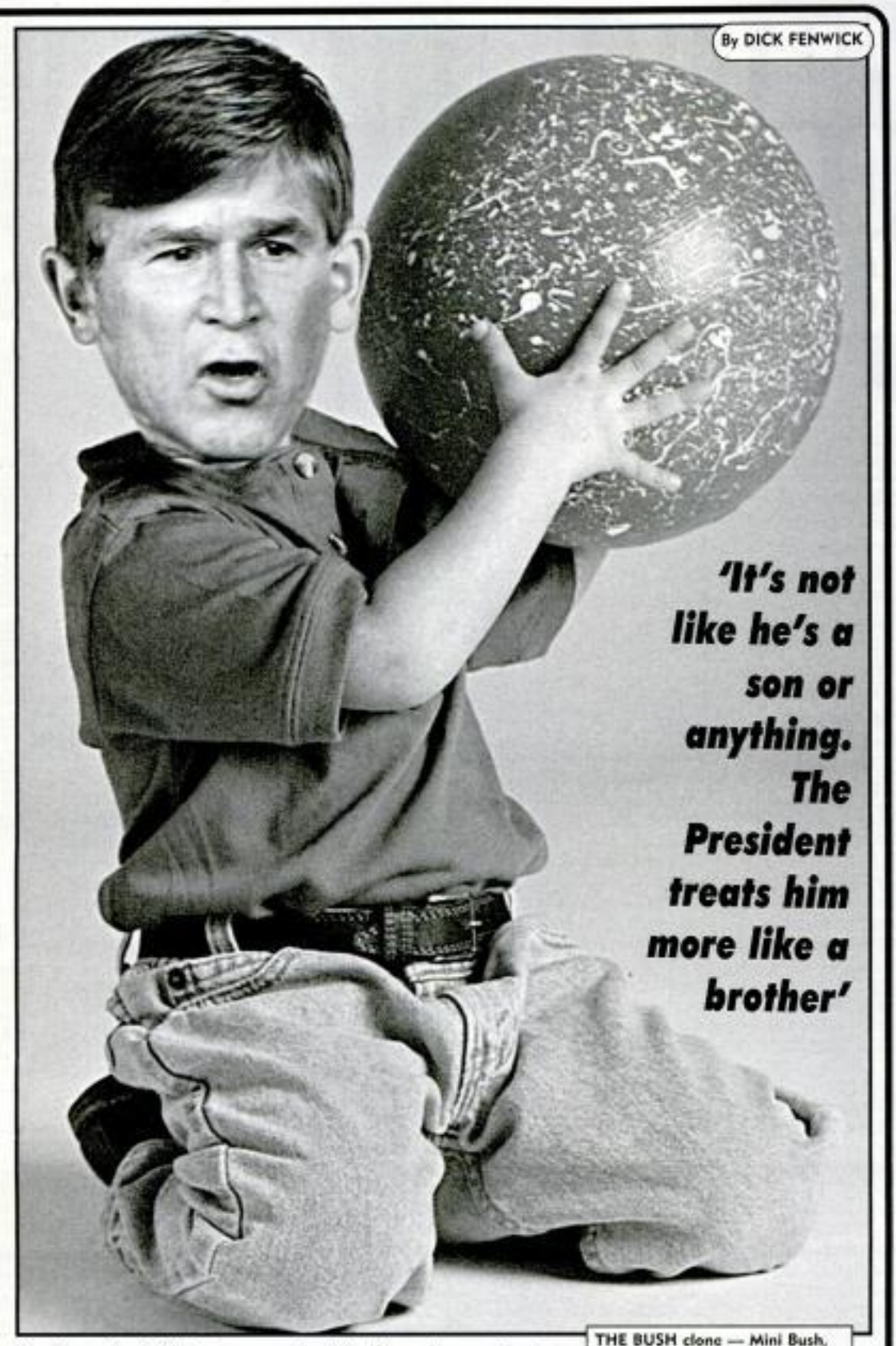
"The joke around here is that the clone could take over the White House today if, God forbid, something happened to the President.

"And I've got to admit, we probably wouldn't miss a beat. This child has the looks, the genes and more than enough brain-power to sit in for Mr. Bush in the Oval Office."

The White House declines to comment on the clone that was created in a private laboratory with a $65 million grant from the Republican National Committee and is being raised, sources say, "at facilities in Washington, Massachusetts and Texas."

But a senior administration official acknowledges that the President "does occasionally see the boy.

"But it's not like he's a son or anything. The President treats him more like brother.



for the nation's highest office just 36 years from now, when he turns 40," con-

dead by then, of course, but the clone will just be getting started.

THE BUSH clone — Mini Bush, as some call him — is deeply religious and convinced that he is on a mission from Jesus to

The legend of the Piano Whisperer

THE legend of the Piano Whisperer is true, says a Florida woman, who admits she was skeptical about the story.

"The Whisperer was handsome with dark hair and blue eyes," says Sadie McEfly, 43. "He heard I was in need and came to help me after I was almost killed by my piano. He smiled, and I had sex with him.

"I never believed the fairy tale — a Montana community college music instructor who had the ability to communicate with wild pianos and calm them so players would sound like Chopin.

"They say a woman from New York drove her one-armed daughter to him, hauling their injured and unruly piano behind them. The mother fell for him."

McEfly joins hundreds of other needy piano teachers who say the Whisperer gave them a good tuning.

Last week, an investigative reporter from the Florida TV news show *Early Bird Special* went to the small Western town to find the elusive man behind the myth.

"He's for real," says reporter Joyce Beth Michaels. "I finally tracked him down and convinced him to have sex and tame my piano to prove his legendary abilities."

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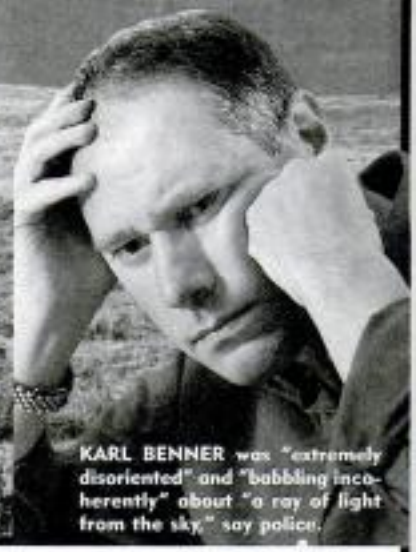
TWILIGHT ZONE SHOCKER

WHAT HAPPENED TO BRIMBAW, TEXAS?

By KEN SCARBOROUGH

City of 1.2 million vanishes from the face of the earth — & only this man can remember it!



KARL BENNER was "extremely disoriented" and "babbling incoherently" about "a ray of light from the sky," say police.

THE FBI and Department of Homeland Security are looking high and low for Brimbaw, Texas, a once-booming financial center of 1.2 million people that investigators say vanished from the face of the earth on June 17, leaving behind just one man who remembers it.

"This is like something out of the Twilight Zone — and the more I think about it, the weirder it gets," says an FBI agent working the strange case from a field office in Dallas.

"We're talking about a city of over a million people — a huge banking and financial center — gone . . . poof! — just like that.

"And all we've got to go on are the recollections of just one man who is struggling to provide us with details.

"When it comes to hard evidence, there's precious little — but what we do have is intriguing: A brick that apparently is all that's left of the 67-story bank building that anchored Brimbaw's skyline. We've also got a phone book with residential listings for places like Zuckert, Flinne, Morely and Billy Graham City.

"We don't know what to make of it," adds the source. "It's tough enough finding one missing person, much less a missing city and everybody in it."

The mysterious disappearance of the city that seems to have been situated at an unknown spot west of Dallas came to light when an off-duty Texas Ranger found Karl Benner, 42, stumbling along a rural highway with the brick in one hand and the phone book in the other.

According to the cop, the man was "extremely disoriented" and "babbling incoherently" about "a ray of light from the sky."

Benner's recollections are sketchy at best, continues the FBI source. Psychologists who have examined Benner say he remains in shock and is so traumatizing that his mind has blotted it out.

"He knows he was a banker — he's very clear on that," says the source. "And what's really strange is that he remembers transactions and deals he's made with bankers who are well known in Texas and New York," says the FBI source.

"He knows their business, their habits, their quirks. He also knows intimate details about their personal lives that only a good friend and confidante would know. But guess what? They've never heard of Benner.

"Now that's bizarre."

The Department of Homeland Security is helping to investigate the case because the disappearance of a city, in the words of an insider, "has national security implications, especially if terrorists had anything to do

"Physicists tell us there's a possibility Benner might have arrived in our world from a parallel universe where a city by the name of Brimbaw, Texas, exists alongside towns like Dallas and Houston, which also show up in our world.

"We need to calm Benner down and start getting answers to every question we can think to ask.

"Of course, if Brimbaw didn't just exist in a parallel world, if it did exist here and we just can't remember it because someone or something blotted it from our memory, it may be too late.

"Something we can't see and don't understand may already be at work, undermining our reality and altering our minds. And if that's the

'...AND THE CAMEL YOU RODE IN ON!'

Osama's favorite curses

By MICHAEL FORSYTH

SLIPPERY terrorist kingpin Osama Bin Laden is infamous for his vicious anti-American rants — but cohorts say he reserves his harshest tongue-lashings for his own underlings!

"Osama has a reputation for expressing himself in very colorful language when angry," reveals British counterterrorism Trevor Northwake.

"Some of his insults are drawn from traditional Arab curses and date back thousands of years. Others are a product of his own warped mind or a hodgepodge of both."

Northwake, who obtained special access to transcripts of British intelligence interrogations of Al Qaeda suspects, was struck by how often the prisoners quoted Bin Laden as chewing them out inventively — and so he's compiled an impressive list of 286 Osama curses.

"Some of these one-liners are so nutty that you just have to forget for a minute that this is the most evil man alive and have a good laugh," the London-based expert says.

Here are hot-tempered Osama's favorite insults:

• May the fleas of 10,000 camels make their nest in your impotent crotch.

• I wish that on the night you were conceived your father had gone to the mosque instead, you cowardly jackal.

• The sight of you offends me — you resemble a pig with an ugly toupee.

• Your father must have been drunk when he mounted the sow that bore you.

• The stench of your body is deeply offensive — you smell like the bottom of George Bush's cowboy boots.

• You are as wise as a baboon born without a head.

• May your mother's accursed kus emek (sex organ) burn forever in the fires of Hell for the crime of bringing you into this world.

• Your foul breath is like that of a male prostitute who services the rotting corpses of lepers.

• I admire you as much as I admire a dead, maggot-infested pig lying in the road, you son of a prostitute.

• May your grandmother's withered jugs strike her ankles as she belly-dances for Colin Powell.

• May a sandstorm fill your buttocks so voluminously you make sand castles each time you evacuate your bowels, you jabbering hyena.

• May every waterhole you drink from be filled with tapeworms.

• What shall I give your son for his bar mitzvah?

• I will blister your ears with my sandals, you blood-sucking lout.

• Condoleezza Rice leads your father by a leash and punishes you on the head with a newspaper, you hairy dog.

• Your wicked mother was stoned to death for adultery; your brothers have no hands — may your sons all become sodomites and your daughters marry infidels.

• May you give birth to a full-grown rhinoceros through your alimentary canal.

HARD-HITTING ARAB INSULTS!

WANT to insult someone in the original Arabic? Here are a few choice phrases:

Ibn-sharmuta = SOB.

Teez a-jahash = Butt of a jackass.

Akroot = Male prostitute.

Wad al-Haraam = Illegitimate child.

Kul khara we moot = Eat crap & die.

The Continuing Adventures of BAT BOY!

Peter Bagge '04

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SPACE ALIEN SPOTTED

By MIKE FOSTER

HISTORIC HUG: Sen. John Kerry cozies up to mysterious extraterrestrial P'Lod.

PRESIDENTIAL contender John Kerry has been actively courting the famed Washington space alien P'Lod — and cornered the E.T. at the Democratic National Convention to plead for his endorsement!

That's the startling assertion of a campaign insider, who backs up the claim with a snapshot of the Massachusetts senator awkwardly embracing the mysterious spaceman.

The historic hug reportedly took place July 29, just prior to Kerry's momentous speech.

"Sen. Kerry quietly slipped aside for a quick rendezvous with the alien," reveals the Kerry campaign insider.

"Sen. Kerry pulled out all the stops — he used every ounce of charisma in his body to try to win over P'Lod.

"Unfortunately, the alien is still sitting on the fence. He politely said he 'isn't ready to commit to either candidate.' "

P'Lod's endorsement is considered more key than that of any union or newspaper in the country. Political analysts contend that the strange visitor's backing of Bill Clinton in 1992 and George W. Bush in 2000 helped determine the outcome of those elections.

"The conventional wisdom in this

DOES THIS MAKE JOHN A SHOO-IN?

New cell phones let you reach out and touch someone — FROM THE DEAD!

By STANLEY DONALDSON

A REVOLUTIONARY new cell phone lets you talk to the dead — for just five cents a minute!

The unique device, developed by a secret division of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), uses molecular energy waves, which are as different as fingerprints, to locate and communicate with the deceased — no matter how long they've been dead.

"This energy becomes embedded in any object that touches our bodies for an

dant," explains a DARPA researcher who has used the phone to talk with his dead father. "A special scanner reads the energy waves from the object, then uses the waves to connect with the afterlife."

Pentagon officials hope to contact history's greatest political and military leaders to obtain advice for the war on terrorism.

So far they've spoken with Abraham Lincoln, Dwight Eisenhower and Gen. George Patton.

But it probably won't be

HUGGING KERRY!

IS E.T. SWITCHING PARTIES AGAIN?

town is that to get elected President, you've got to kiss P'Lod's ring — and then some," says a Democratic strategist. "Word is Kerry did everything but get down on his knees and beg P'Lod for an endorsement."

Although the ambassador from outer space has been romantically linked to Sen. Hillary Clinton — a star in the Democratic Party — experts say that's no guarantee he'll endorse Kerry.

"P'Lod is totally nonpartisan — his only mission is the betterment of mankind," explains the insider.

Sources claim that in wooing P'Lod, Kerry offered to:

- Cease shooting down flying saucers.
- Release all captives held at Area 51.
- Supply the aliens with free Heinz ketchup — their favorite condiment — to the tune of 100 barrels a day.
- Permit "reasonable" use of alien implants on American leaders, provided they are members of the GOP.

Republicans dismiss the alien-Kerry meeting as a sign of "desperation."

"Kerry's craven attempts to curry favor with the alien are frankly embarrassing," snorts a GOP strategist.

SPACE ALIEN BACKS BUSH

WORLD NEWS FOR PRESIDENT!

FLASHBACK: The fickle alien supported Democrat Bill Clinton in 1992 and Republican George W. Bush in 2000, as reported exclusively in *Weekly World News*.

P'Lod's presence on Earth has often been described as the "worst kept secret" in Washington.

"Every official from Dick Cheney down to the city clerk will swear on a stack of Bibles that the space alien doesn't exist," notes *Weekly World News* political analyst Tim McGable.

"And yet if you look carefully on their office walls, nearly every one of them has a picture of himself shaking hands with P'Lod."

It's believed the enigmatic extraterrestrial has been meddling in U.S. politics since at least as far back as 1992.

"In a close election like the one in 2000, P'Lod's support plays a vital role," says D.C. researcher Kelvin Baxworthy, author of the upcoming book, *The Role of Extraterrestrials in U.S. Politics*.

"P'Lod's endorsement, reported in *Weekly World News*, helped Bush pick up about 3,500 votes in Florida — enough to usher him into the White House.

"It looks like this election will be another nail-biter — and once again, P'Lod's influence could be critical with swing voters."

President Bush is said to be livid about the photo showing the alien hobnobbing with his rival.

"Back in 1992, P'Lod showed every sign that he was going to endorse the senior Bush, then turned around and backed Clinton," explains a White House source.

"Dubya feels P'Lod stabbed his dad in the back — and when he saw that hugging picture, he said, 'I wanna hug too!' "

But an endorsement of Kerry is not yet in the bag.

"P'Lod is incredibly fickle," notes McGable. "This horse race is far from over."

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Govt. using device for war on terrorism!

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GENERAL
George Patton

"This technology will completely revolutionize the way we think about death," says the DARPA researcher. "Once it hits

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YOUR WIFE COULD BE A PORN STAR!

Here's how to tell:

PORN STARS are living among us — and your wife could be one of them!

"You'd be amazed at the number of ordinary men who are married to famous porn stars and don't even know it," states A. J. Podaski, a California-based writer who covers the adult-film industry. "More and more XXX actresses want the stability of marriage, but they don't want to give up the money and glamour of porn. So they just lie about it."

Here are some foolproof ways to tell if your wife is making dirty movies behind your back:

- Every couple of weeks she has to fly to California to care for a "sick aunt."
- When in bed, she just lies there until you yell "Action!"
- Just as you're about to make love, she asks, "What's my motivation?"
- She keeps getting mail addressed to "Patty O'Plenty."
- Whenever you go out, drooling men ask her for her autograph.
- She looks suspiciously like the Hustler pin-up in your neighbor's garage.
- She knows sexual positions that would put a circus contortionist in the hospital.
- She wears a micro miniskirt and six-inch spike heels to go grocery shopping.

Bush appeals to Bigfoots everywhere:

SAVE OUR NATION FROM TERRORISTS

By ROGER STONE

AT THE request of the Bush administration, *Weekly World News* is asking Bigfoots across the nation to join a new antiterrorist defense unit to be set up within the next three months.

"The Bigfoot Homeland Defense Force (BHDF) will not serve overseas," says a White House spokesman. "The unit will be used to guard our nation's vital oil refineries, bridges and railroads, especially those facilities situated in remote areas.

"Through *Weekly World News* we are asking all adult Bigfoot males and females to step up to the plate and take a swing at the evil terrorists who mean our country harm."

A highly placed Army colonel at the Pentagon adds: "The President's Bigfoot initiative is a brilliant stroke, one that will leave the entire nation breathless with admiration."

Reportedly, the Kerry/Edwards camp is cool to the Bigfoot plan, claiming that the gentle forest creatures should not be pressed into service as outsized security guards.

"This is yet another blatant attempt by George Bush to garner votes at the expense of a persecuted and much-maligned minority," says a John Kerry spokesman.

This view is echoed by Bigfoot expert Dr. William Orr, who recently visited the White House to express his concerns to the President.

"I was given a polite hearing, but I don't think my arguments swayed Mr. Bush," he says.

"The Bigfoot is a shy, retiring creature that is quite unsuited to military life. I believe the whole thing could end in disaster."

Advisers close to the President say that privately Bush scoffs at Orr's fears.

He reportedly told one aide: "Once the Bigfoots realize that weapons of mass destruction can be just as harmful to them as they are to the rest of the population, they'll volunteer by the thousands, and the terrorists will cower in fear."

ATTENTION BIGFOOTS — YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU!

Not so says one Al Qaeda leader who spoke to *WWN* from his office in downtown Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. When asked if he is at all concerned about the Bush Bigfoot initiative, he answered: "The bigger the infidel, the harder he'll fall. Our gallant martyrs will confront the Bigfoot just as they daily confront American imperialist crusaders all over the world."

When asked if he knew what a Bigfoot was, the Al Qaeda boss replied: "I haven't a clue."

According to the President's timetable, the first Bigfoot home defense unit, the Montana Loyalist Brigade, will be formed no later than the fall. The elite formation will have Bigfoot NCOs but will be commanded by human officers, many of whom are already said to be taking crash courses on the difficult Sasquatch language.

In addition, air support units from the National Guard will be based in Bigfoot country, and there is some talk around the White House that the creature could be taught to fly fighter jets and attack helicopters.

"Hell, if I could do it, they can do it," Mr. Bush recently told a friend.

Initially the brigade will be deployed to protect our nation's vulnerable railroads and bridges, but later units could be based in cities, especially New York and Washington, where they will work closely with existing law enforcement.

To fulfill our promise to Mr. Bush, *WWN*'s editors are proud to make this appeal to Bigfoots everywhere:

BIGFOOTS, LEAVE YOUR SHADY FORESTS AND RALLY AROUND THE FLAG. OUR NATION DEPENDS ON YOU IN THIS, OUR HOUR OF GREATEST PERIL. NOW IS THE TIME TO STEP FORWARD . . . AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!

LAND OF THE BALD, HOME OF THE PROUD!

– Where actor Yul Brynner will be worshiped as a savior!

BALD men have united to form the new country of Alopecia, announces one of its founders.

"Four score and seven years ago, our fathers lost their hair and no one made fun of them," says Dave Ginsberg, a 38-year-old divorced jeweler from Brooklyn. "We suffer from crippling male pattern baldness and have to put up with cruel names like 'cue ball' and 'chrome dome.' Not anymore. In Alopecia, we'll be free from oppression."

Alopecians are busy building a chapel for Sunday services to worship their "lord and savior," the late actor Yul Brynner.

"We asked the Dalai Lama to be the Emperor of Alopecia. Since he's in exile from Tibet, he might as well rule something," says Ginsberg.

Willie Nelson and Don King from obtaining visas.

"We were glad to find that many of the people in our neighboring country are bald, too! Even though we had a language barrier they seemed genuinely excited to see us. The cute doll heads must

CRUSADING MOM DECLARES WAR ON . . .

By MARK MILLER

THE WORLD'S SICKEST JOKES

A MOTHER of four has launched a one-woman crusade against something she feels is doing tremendous damage to society — the world's sickest jokes.

"These horrible, awful, insulting, degrading jokes and riddles are simply a cultural cancer afflicting this nation," states Judith O'Rourke, 32, from her home just outside Topeka, Kan. "And they're everywhere — in e-mails, Web sites, magazines, movies, on radio and TV, at parties — it often feels like a tasteless joke conspiracy!

"If making fun of people's religion, physical afflictions, and psychological illnesses is supposed to be amusing, well, I guess I must have missed the humor boat," observes O'Rourke, who closely monitors what her children watch, read and listen to and has launched an intensive letter-writing campaign.

Did you hear about the cannibal who passed his brother in the jungle the other day?

"I'm contacting the heads of corporations urging them to withdraw their advertising from any media that traffics in this filth. Why should my family's hard-earned dollars support organizations that promote this kind of trash?"

O'Rourke has provided *Weekly World News* with several examples of the kind of humor she finds far from avoid telling them to anyone."

A woman walks into a bar with her tiny pet Chihuahua and sits down next to a drunk guy who's looking a little queasy. A few minutes go by, then suddenly the guy turns in the woman's direction and throws up. He looks down and sees the woman's dog floundering in a pool of vomit and says, "Wow! I don't remember eating that!"

Q. What do you call an Amish guy with his hand up a horse's butt?
A. A mechanic!

Q. What should you do if your epileptic grandma is having a seizure in the bathtub?
A. Throw in some Tide and a load of dirty clothes.

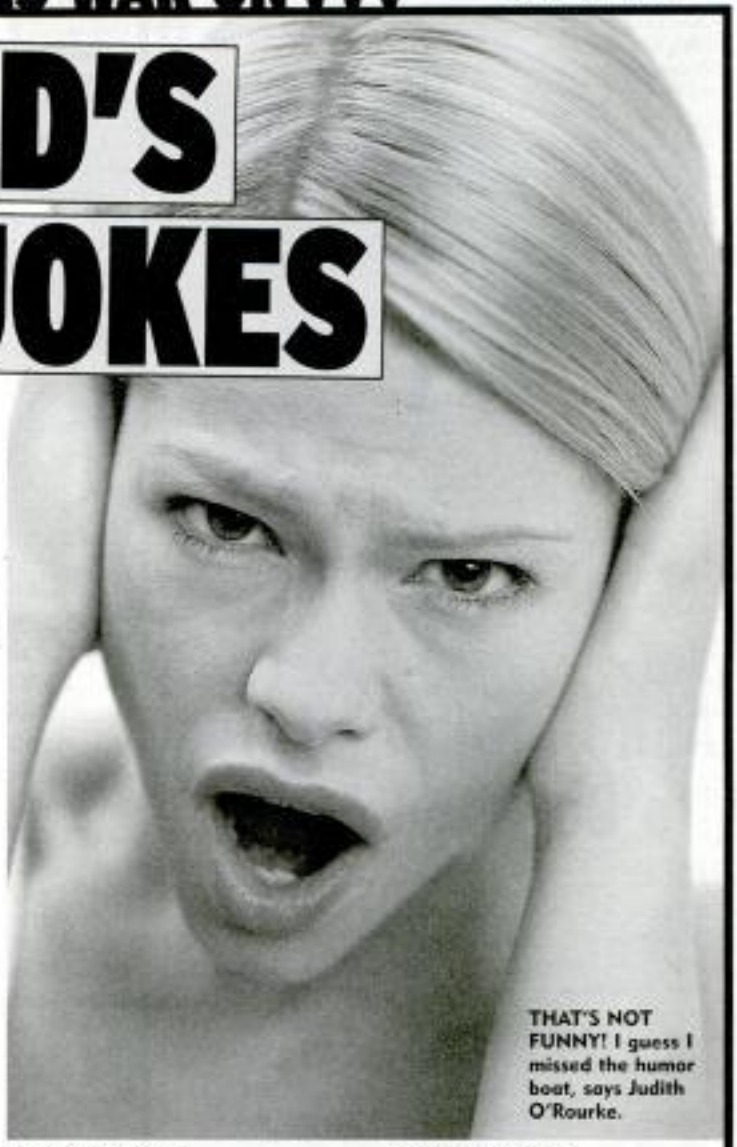
Q: What's the worst thing about being a pedophile?
A: Having to go to bed at seven o'clock.

Q: What's the first thing a girl from Tennessee says after she loses her virginity?
A: "Get off me, Daddy, you're crushing my cigarettes!"

President Bush and Donald Rumsfeld are sitting in a bar. A guy walks in and asks the bartender, "Is that really Bush and Rumsfeld over there?"

"Yep, that's them all right," says the bartender.

So the guy goes over and



THAT'S NOT FUNNY! I guess I missed the humor boat, says Judith O'Rourke.

World War III."

The guy says, "Really? What's going to happen?"

Bush says, "We're going to kill 10 million Iranians and a bicycle repair man."

The guy asks, "Why in the world are you going to kill a bicycle repair man?"

Bush turns to Rumsfeld and says, "See? I told you no one would care about the 10 million Iranians!"

Jesus walks into an inn, saunters up to the bar, throws three nails on the counter and says to the girl, "Hey, do you think you can put me up for the night?"

on every corner.

Q: What do you call 100 lesbians with guns?
A: Militia Etheridge.

NEWS 'TOON

NO BUTTS ABOUT IT: The French think this pile of poopers is worthy of an award.

Abu Ghraib Pictures to Get Own Awards Ceremony

By DEBBIE FANATIA

FRENCH visual-arts power hitters are so impressed by images from Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison that they plan to give those responsible the Derrier D'or, the annual award for the most artistic naked butt in photography or film.

"We are amazed by the range of emotion captured by the images," panel chairman Pierre Petard says.

"Some captured the light perfectly, and the glints and gleams of sweat glistening from the prominently displayed posteriors of the naked prisoners fairly sparkle in some of the images as if they'd hung a disco ball from the ceiling," says Petard. "It's a remarkable achievement."

The ceremony promises to deliver all the glitz and glamour of the Oscars, since the Derrier D'or is the premier award in the French art world. Petard says his panel is pleased to give the award to Americans "who found beauty in an unlikely place, just as a Frenchman would."

Attire will be black-tie, but in keeping with the theme of the event, pants are optional.

The "artists" couldn't be reached for comment.

"JUST because they're money-hungry doesn't mean they don't get hungry," says Bush.

AS IF THE FAT BUSH BRUNCH THE RICH!

By MICHAEL FORSYTH

PRESIDENT BUSH is reportedly set to propose a new initiative that wealthy tycoons can really sink their teeth into: A free brunch program for the super-rich!

Aides say the federally funded program, to be introduced at an upcoming political rally, is one of the cornerstones of Bush's second-term agenda — and could provide a much-needed shot in the arm to the economy.

"By bringing America's movers and shakers together at Freedom Brunches, we'll give them a unique forum in which to brainstorm and form new business ventures," explains a senior administration source.

"An entrepreneur with a great new concept might dine with a financier with the capital to make it a reality. A CEO could learn about a cost-saving production technique from a peer, as they nibble goat-cheese omelets.

"Imagine how many new jobs we could create for this economy if we give people like Donald Trump and Bill Gates a chance to chat over brunch on a regular basis?"

The plan calls for the weekly brunches featuring top-of-of the-line gourmet food to be held at four-star hotel restaurants around the country.

Even though the proposal won't be formally unveiled for at least three weeks, Democrats have been quick to ridicule it.

"When we came up with the free-lunch program for poor kids back in the '60s, conservatives mocked it as a waste of money," fumes a high-ranking Democratic con-

CATS WEREN'T FAT ENOUGH . . .

PROPOSES FREE PROGRAM FOR

BILL GATES could be one of the movers and shakers eating for free on the taxpayers tab.

– & HE'S NICKNAMED IT 'FOOD FOR THOUGHT!'

gressman.

"Now they talk about giving away free caviar, fois gras, smoked salmon and white truffles to fat cats who could well afford to pay for it themselves.

"It's outrageous."

Due to the high price of gourmet treats, the brunches will cost taxpayers an estimated $8 billion a year, according to a not-yet-released study conducted by the GAO, the bean-counters for Congress. That will "needlessly balloon" the federal budget deficit, which is already predicted to hit a record high this year, critics argue.

"There's no such thing as a free brunch," the Democrat blasts.

Republicans angrily dismiss such talk.

"Typical Democrats — always engaging in class warfare," responds a conservative GOP senator. "If something is good for the business community of this nation, knee-jerk liberals always reject it."

Economist Stanley Greensted of New York City calls the idea "quite innovative" and compliments the president for ignoring left-leaning naysayers.

"These brunches would provide a wonderful environment for networking," he points out. "That could encourage exactly the kind of synergy our economy needs right now.

"And if nothing else, the brunches will certainly give a huge boost to the catering industry."

By and large, corporate America backs the free-brunch proposal, many CEOs eagerly anticipating the chance to brush shoulders with the most famous names in big business.

"I'm also looking forward to trying some of the delicacies they've been talking about, like Chanterelle mushrooms and Asiago cheese," says the boss of a major New

I have a chance to do is wolf down a bagel and coffee for breakfast.

"The president's brunches are a terrific idea."

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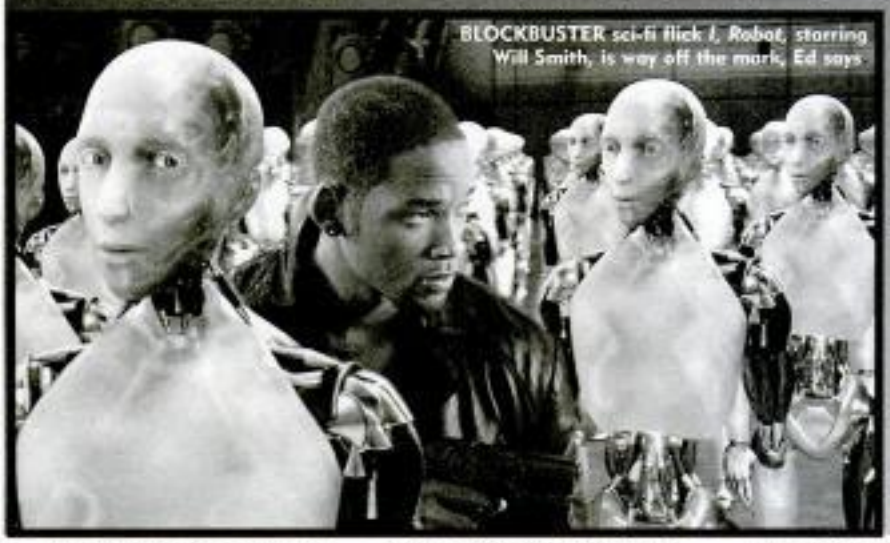
My America

BY ED ANGER

As summer blockbuster 'I, Robot' warns of technology run amok, Ed says . . .

WILL SMITH IS FULL OF BEANS

AMERICA NEEDS MORE ROBOTS!



BLOCKBUSTER sci-fi flick *I, Robot*, starring Will Smith, is way off the mark, Ed says

I'M MADDER than the Frankenstein monster with rusty neck bolts at this stupid new Will Smith movie *I, Robot*, warning about how in the near future America will be overrun by robots fixing to take over the world!

Folks, the truth is America needs MORE robots, not less — and I predict that by 2035, the big problem Uncle Sam will be facing is a robot SHORTAGE.

When I was a boy, all the comic books, radio shows and dime novels promised us that in the 21st century, we'd have robots to do our housework, mow the lawn and handle all the other chores we hate. Well, the year 2000 has come and gone and there's hardly a robot in sight. Heck, I even have to pump my own gas nowadays — which is WORSE than back in the 1950s, when at least some skinny

mopping the floor, vacuuming, dusting my fishing trophies and plunging the toilet are a waste of time for a human — it's a pity my wife Thelma Jean has to do them at her age.

As for mowing the lawn, that's man work, so I have my *Weekly World News* summer intern take care of that. But the young whippersnapper comes from some big city where no one has a front yard and I have to keep coming out to show him how to work the goldurned lawnmower.

A handy-dandy robot could get that job done in a jiffy — without plowing through the flower garden.

Never did care much for that fella Will Smith. When he first came out with that rap garbage, my daughter Sarah Lee spent all day shaking her big caboose around the house singing, "Can't Touch This."

But the last straw came when he stooped to playing that draft-dodging traitor Cassius Clay in the movies. (It'll be a cold day in Hell before I go along with that "Muhammad Ali" baloney.)

Now I don't plan on watching this *I, Robot*

mean and run amok.

Well, there's an easy solution to that problem, buckaroos — just build 'em with an "off" switch, for crying out loud.

It's high time computer nerds like Bill Gates get off their lazy rears and start churning out robots to be our slaves, so folks like you, me and every other American can live the life of Riley.

I was explaining the whole idea to my barber, telling him how an android barber could do the job better, faster — and won't expect any $1 tip either.

He says to me, "Well, Ed, what do you plan to do when they come out with a robot smart enough to write your column?"

I told him, "I plan to hand the metal man my trusty old Smith Corona typewriter, say, 'Lots of luck' and go fishing — or better yet, just relax in a hammock in my backyard sipping a mint julep while Robbie the Robot does all the work."

RACE OF PEOPLE DISCOVERED IN SEPTIC TANKS!

By BECKY TODD

They live on human poop, say disgusted scientists!

YOU'D look like crap too, if you ate what this guy eats.

AN AUSTRALIAN environmentalist studying pollutants in the Outback accidentally discovered a race of people living beneath the earth's surface in septic tanks.

Dr. Grace Jones quickly assembled a team of experts who will be rushed to "Underground Zero" by helicopter.

"The beings are not completely human," Jones told the group of eager scientists, which included top biologists, paleontologists, geologists and anthropologists. "They're grotesque creatures with pale skin, soulless black eyes and deformed bodies with uneven limbs that cause them to limp and crawl about. I believe they evolved and mutated from living microorganisms that remain in on-site sewage disposal systems that aren't pumped properly.

"Regardless of their horrifying appearance, they've formed a language and society of their own completely underground. They take their nutrition from the sludge, scum and excrement of the septic tanks from which they sprang, and travel freely without detection through a vast system of tunnels."

Professor Jones — who teaches classes in Pollution Study at Outback University (O.U.) — and her assistant were in the field collecting ancient aboriginal litter when they heard a strange sound.

"I could have sworn it was a crying baby," recalls Dr. Kate Rogers, who recently earned her Ph. D. in Sanitation Studies and works with Jones at O.U.

"It was coming from beneath us. When it didn't stop, we decided to investigate."

The women had already noticed the exposed hatch of a septic tank that had served empty neighborhood nearby. The houses had been abandoned years ago when the local cubic zirconia mines were stripped of their cheap booty.

"We raced back to the four-wheeler and donned masks and biohazard suits," says Jones.

"Decomposing wastes in the septic tank produce toxic gases, which can kill a human in a matter of minutes."

Jones and Rogers yanked open the iron hatch. Shocked by the sight of ghoulish faces turned upwards into the sudden, harsh sunlight, they dropped the hatch on Jones' foot.

"I screamed in agony, but quickly jumped down into the septic tank with Dr. Rogers close behind," she says. "We pursued the little beasts until they were trapped.

"When it was clear to them we weren't going to leave without some answers, they quickly settled down."

The Sewage People, as they call themselves, explained their subterranean existence through a series of gestures and tongue clicks. They even brought out food for their new friends.

"Oh my God," says Rogers. "When they put that steaming pile of poop and cups of urine in front of us, it was all I could do not to upchuck. We politely refused their meal and then took our leave before we could offend them."

The duo told The Sewage People they would be back.

"I hope they understood," says Jones. "I can't wait for my colleagues to meet them. We explained about the food problem, and one of our biologists said: 'Hey, if we have to eat s#%@, we have to eat s#%@. It's all in the name of science.' "

ARE YOU KIDDING?

In order to keep microorganisms from evolving into intelligent beings in YOUR septic tank, experts recommend the tank should be inspected and pumped every one to five years.

Turbocharged golf carts menace retirement communities

IN AN ALARMING new fad, seniors in souped-up golf carts are zipping around their previously quiet retirement communities at speeds exceeding 50 miles per hour and raising holy heck.

The trend has caught on nationwide, and some residents have even set up clubs that revolve around the latest golf-cart performance technology.

Many residents have complained bit-

one Florida resident. "My neighbor has one that'll take nitro, but he hasn't worked up the nerve to hook it up yet. One of them's going to kill somebody one day." He reports that several small dogs have been run over. "You can't reel in the retractable leash fast enough sometimes."

There have been reports of accidents, some severe, and several homeowner

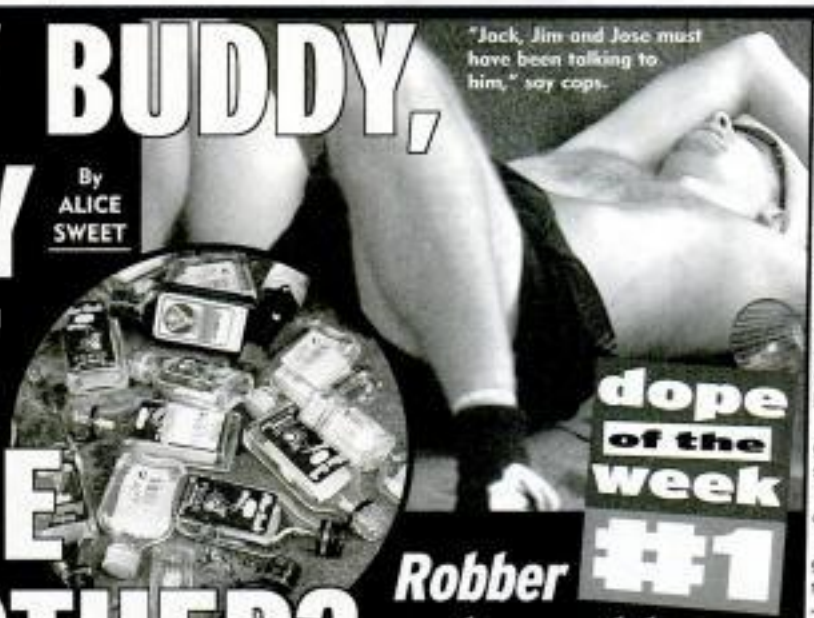
from it," says an Arizona man. "These are guys who can't pass the eye test for a driver's license, so sometimes they're a bit closer than they think."

Turbo-cart owners maintain that their modified carts are safe, as they're fitted with fog lights, halogen headlights, disk brakes, horns, seat belts and small radial tires. "We're street legal, and these dod-

HOT wheels for oldsters.

HEY BUDDY, WHY NOT HAVE ANOTHER?

By ALICE SWEET



"Jack, Jim and Jose must have been talking to him," say cops.

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Robber got caught up in his work!

A DRUNKEN man began his day in one of the worst ways imaginable — hungover and handcuffed — after being found passed out in the liquor store he had meant to rob.

Thomas Hurdish, owner of Tom's Liquors near Bethesda, Md., says he found the man lying unconscious on the floor surrounded by several half-empty bottles of whiskey and some mixers.

"I guess he couldn't make up his mind," says Hurdish. "It looked like he made himself a little alcoholic buffet — Crown and Coke, Beam and diet, 7 and 7. . ."

One detective involved in the investigation says the would-be thief entered the liquor store by smashing a side window. When the alarm failed to sound, the robber figured he was home free and could take his time with the liquor looting.

"Jack, Jim and Jose must have been talking to him while he was in there, because he couldn't even wait to get out before he started boozing — he just sat right down in aisle 2 and proceeded to get absolutely blitzed," says the detective.

The store's alarm may not have gone off, but hidden security cameras caught the inebriated crook's entire episode. The detective says the man did not appear to be under the influence when he first broke in, but after a few 'trips to the bar,' he started to sway a little and trip over his own feet.

"I'm no expert, but I'll go ahead and say this man couldn't handle his liquor," says the detective.

As the store owner, Hurdish was one of the first to see the tapes and says he can't believe anyone would be so dumb.

"I can understand needing a drink — who wouldn't to calm your nerves during a robbery?" he says. "But to plop down and drink yourself into absolute oblivion is just stupid. That dummy deserved to get caught."

The detective agrees and says he hopes the man "had himself a good time because that'll be the last cocktail party he'll be hosting for a while."

CRIME BLOTTER

THAT SUCKS!

A PENNSYLVANIA MAN has been jailed after sneaking up and randomly sucking the toes of three unsuspecting women.

The man, whose assaults were apparently unprovoked, has been identified in a photo lineup by several women, one of whom says she was taking a nap in the park when she was suddenly awakened by a man kissing her feet.

"Before she realized what was actually going on," says a local lawman, "he was sucking her toes."

Outraged, the victim's husband says, "I don't even do that!"

The man later assaulted a 12-year-old girl and offered to pay a dollar to do the same for her 21-year-old sister. She declined — and called the police.

The sucker has been charged with stalking, corruption of minors and harassment, and is awaiting trial.

DOUBLECHECK THAT CHECK

A SECRETARY stole nearly $400,000 from her boss by having him sign checks written in erasable ink, and later erasing the payee's name and writing in her own.

The doctored checks, which were originally written out to pay bills, merchants and employees for services rendered, went unnoticed for nearly three months hidden among the many daily transactions of the large marketing firm.

"Apparently, the woman was inspired by the magic ink markers she bought for her 5-year-old daughter," says a source involved in the case.

THAT'S NA-CHO CHEESE, IT'S MINE!

NUDE, and dripping with nacho cheese, a man was arrested after being caught running through a park after robbing a convenience store.

The man's Jeep had just been spotted by an officer doing a routine patrol of the area. Thinking it abandoned, the officer looked inside and saw a pile of clothes and some empty beer bottles.

Minutes later, the man came running towards the car completely naked except for dribbles of nacho cheese on his chin, nose and shoulders. In his hands was the telltale evidence of the robbery he just committed — a bag of chips, a can of cheese dip and a bottle of soda.

He never was much of a 'do-it-yourselfer'

A DETROIT man was arrested last week after asking a neighbor to help him pick up a heavy garbage bag — which promptly split, revealing a corpse.

That's when he decided to ask for help from a neighbor who was mowing his lawn next door.

"The two men were giving the bag the old heave-

dope of the week #2

says the cop.

Not wanting to be any part of throwing out a body, the

authorities of what he'd seen.

According to the police report, the amazingly obvious

EGOMANIAC LAWYER MARRIES HIMSELF!

By MIKE FOSTER

EGOTISTICAL lawyer Brian Donnell unabashedly admits he's head-over-heels in love with himself — and to prove his commitment, he married himself in a formal church ceremony!

Donnell, 31, was both bride and groom when he tied the knot in front of 250 guests at St. Matthew's Church in Brisbane, Australia on July 11.

"Brian walked down the aisle by himself, vowed to be faithful to himself and sealed the deal by placing a ring on his own finger," says cousin Lorraine Kelly, who witnessed the solo nuptials.

"He was 100 percent serious. When the preacher asked if he promised to 'have and hold' himself, for richer and poorer and all that, he said 'I do' in a loud, clear voice.

"Then he gave such a joyful grin you could tell he was the happiest man on the planet.

"Until then, a lot of us thought the whole thing was nutty, but at that moment I realized it was the right thing for him. Some relatives were so touched, they cried."

Donnell kissed plenty of frogs over the years before discovering he was Mr. Right.

"I've been in loads of relationships, but no woman ever seemed to be the right match," the handsome attorney reveals.

I NOW pronounce you husband & wife . . . You may kiss yourself.

NO BRIDE, NO PROBLEM — Self-obsessed Brian Donnell, seen here at his solo wedding reception, had a cake decorated with only a single male figure in a tux.

HE HAS ONE HELL OF A PRE-NUP!

"It finally dawned on me that I'd already met the perfect partner. Someone I'd never argue with, someone who shares my tastes in food, music and entertainment. Someone who'd never bore me to tears yapping about our 'relationship' or tick me off by leaving underwear on the living room floor. Someone I loved with all my heart — myself."

So Donnell bought himself a $5,500 diamond engagement ring and began planning his special day.

Finding a preacher to go along with the single-spouse marital scheme wasn't easy. But after many meetings, Reverend Hollis Rampling agreed to bind Donnell in holy matrimony to himself.

"Normally, the church defines marriage as a sacred union between a man and woman," explains Rev. Rampling, who has a degree in psychology.

"But Brian is clearly a narcissistic personality type and that's not going to change. I decided that if this is what he truly wanted, I couldn't stand in his way."

Getting family members to accept the unorthodox marriage was more difficult. Much to Donnell's chagrin, his mother refused to attend the ceremony, and his father had to be talked out of the argument that they were the parents of the bride.

"Brian's dad also refused to give him away, so Brian did that himself," says cousin Lorraine. "Because he's also his own closest friend, he was the best man too."

At the reception, the blushing bride/groom cut a cake with a single tuxedoed figure on top, gave a toast to his own future happiness and danced the first waltz of the evening alone.

The self-centered legal eagle enjoyed a two-week honeymoon in Hawaii.

"When I checked in and said I'd reserved the honeymoon suite, the hotel manager kept looking around for the bride," Donnell recalls with a shrug.

MUSLIM DOGS MUST WEAR BURQAS

By SCOTT STEVENS

AS IF It isn't bad enough that many Muslim women in the Middle East are forced to wear burqas — now a new edict insists female dogs must wear them, too.

"Muslim men got upset watching male dogs sniffing females and then mounting them in public," says Omar Jahal, a Muslim sociologist. "They found it indecent. The dog burqas nip that in the bud."

The canine burqas — called barkas — cover everything but the animal's eyes and ears.

Women in Muslim countries are required to wear burqas so that men don't become sexually aroused.

"In a society where even a woman's ankle is enough to trigger an uproar that she's being suggestive, it's not absurd to say that the sight of dogs going at it the streets can have a similar effect," says Jamal.

"Quite frankly, I think some of the men were jealous that their dogs were having more fun than they were."

Many moderate Muslims have protested the pet burqas. "It makes us look ridiculous," says Mohammed Qootip, a student, who owns a female collie. "Also, it makes it difficult to recognize our dogs. And half the time they end up soiling the burqa. It's a mess."

It may be "ruff" but for now, too

KETCHUP STAIN SMEARS KERRY CAMPAIGN

Heinz heiress wife blames John Edwards

By WILLIAM PEEL

FIRST LADY wanna-be and multimillionaire condiment heiress Teresa Heinz Kerry deeply offends ordinary people with her high-handed ways. But the snooty lady got her comeuppance when an alert photographer snapped her picture — with a big blob of ketchup on her blouse!

"How did this get on me? I wasn't eating ketchup! Somebody must have thrown it at me," she stammered and mumbled in the annoying mouthful-of-marbles style that's rapidly becoming her trademark.

"Where is John Edwards? That idiot! He eats hotdogs! Maybe he spilled it on me! Is he aware that I speak five languages?

"I think I'm going to faint!"

The bizarre scene unfolded after a $25-a-plate fund-raiser for blue collar workers in Cleveland — a fund-raiser that Heinz Kerry reportedly begged her Democratic presidential hopeful hubby, Sen. John Kerry, not to make her attend.

"She had a premonition that something bad would happen," says a Kerry campaign worker. "She said anytime you hang out with riff-raff you've got to expect trouble.

"And then lo and behold, this happens! When she started whining, I could see John get a sour look on his face, like he was getting physically ill.

"He tried to wipe off the ketchup with the end of his tie, but as usual she turned her head and pushed him away like he had bad breath.

"Finally, a few of her aides realized what was happening and they rushed over to shield her from photographers.

"Then they hustled her to a waiting limo and back to her five-star hotel for a hot bath, a bottle of champagne, a shiatsu massage and a complete change of clothes."

Heinz — who only added "Kerry" to her name a few months ago to keep from offending voters — is widely considered to be a liability in Kerry's race for the presidency.

Pundits have called her everything from "creepy" and "weird" to "a pea-brained idiot."

"Some people cut Teresa a lot of slack because she inherited $600 million from ketchup king John Heinz when he died in a plane crash back in 1991, and they're in awe of her wealth," says one Democratic National Committee insider.

"She's smart enough, but she's a loose cannon. You never know what's going to come out of her mouth. The first thing she said after her husband named John Edwards as his vice presidential candidate was, 'He's a very pretty boy, but my husband is smart.'

"Not to burst her bubble, but I've seen polls that show voters think Edwards is smarter than Sen. Kerry and 'Miss High and Mighty' put together."

Study reveals: Scientists still giggle every time they say 'Uranus'

A STUDY conducted by the prestigious *New England Journal of Astronomy* reveals that scientists can't stop giggling when they say "Uranus."

According to the study, conducted this past spring, astronomers laugh, some to the point of tears, when lecturing about the seventh planet from the sun.

"I almost dread having to mention it cajones. Saying the word 'Uranus' breaks me up every time. See, I'm even giggling just thinking about it."

The problem has become so bad that some scientists have seriously suggested changing Uranus' name.

"There are plenty of other gods in classical mythology to steal monikers from," says Dr. Cyril Blogge of Australia's University of Wallamaloo.

pronounced 'urine-us.' Not that that's any improvement."

But not all astronomers are amused. "It's childish if you ask me," says Dr. Maximillion Hamilton.

"I'm embarrassed that my colleagues find it so humorous. If they want to make people laugh, they should leave the labs and go to comedy clubs."

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My gassy hubby's toots are destroying our happy home

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN COLUMNIST

DEAR DOTTI: My idiot husband loves beans and eats them all the time because they work better than Viagra on his sex drive, which is high anyway.

Unfortunately, they also make him gassy as all get out. But his toots aren't like yours or mine. When he breaks wind it's not just thunderous, the odor is bad enough to peel the paint off the wall. He's ruining our home, Dotti, because the smell gets in the carpet, the curtains, the silk flowers on his nightstand — everything!

I've begged him to switch to a normal diet, but he wants beans every day. What would you do if you were in my shoes? — Desperate in Penobscot, Maine

Dear Desperate: Cut off the idiot's lovin' until he sees the light. If he's anything like my man, he'll be off the beans and begging for booty before the week is out.

Is it safe to date the soul mate I found on the Internet?

Dear Dotti: I met a wonderful man on the Internet. He's warm, loving, sincere, strong, compassionate, caring — everything you'd want in a guy. He's also the CEO of a major corporation. It's a miracle I bumped into him in one of those "Married But Looking" chat rooms where single people who are too embarrassed to say they are single go when they're hoping to find a companion.

Anyway, "HotRod4U2_1992" asked me to let him come to my apartment so we can make love and get to know each other. I feel comfortable giving him my address, but my friends say you never should tell people on the Internet where you live because they might be killers or rapists.

What do you think, Dotti? I feel like I can trust HotRod4U2_1992 with my life, but I'd like your opinion. Do you think my digital Prince Charming is trustworthy — or trouble? At the age of 51, I can't afford too many mishaps. I've got to make every date count! — Unsure in Denver, Colo.

Dear Unsure: People shouldn't be allowed to look for love on the Internet unless and until they pass a test that proves they've got at least two digits in their IQ. Your Prince Charming isn't just trouble, pinhead — he's 12. That "1992" tacked on to the end of his e-mail address is probably the year he was born.

I'm tired of waiting in line to make love to my wife

Dear Dotti: It seems like every time I want to to her ahead of me. I know I agreed to an open marriage, but this is ridiculous.

Just yesterday there were three guys sitting in my living room when I got home from work and they were all waiting to see Mary. By the time my turn rolled around, she was too tired to even give me a hug. I love my wife and I want to hold her and cuddle, Dotti. Any advice on how I can make that happen? — Crestfallen in Taylorsville, Ind.

Dear Crestfallen: Have you tried offering her a $20?

Send Dotti your letters and questions — and let her tell it like it is. Write to Dear Dotti, c/o Weekly

CONFIDENTIALS

Fat And Ugly in Fargo, N.D.: The "ugly" is what you get for inheriting bad genes from your parents. The "fat" is what you get for "washing down" cherry pies with grape soda pop. Any more questions?

Dear Furious Physician in Atlanta: I didn't say "all doctors are pathological liars." I said YOU had no business telling a 12-year-old girl that cancer was "eating her alive" just because you had a hangover and didn't like her attitude.

Dear Worried Sister in Alexandria, Va.: I really have no idea why your 65-year-old bachelor brother spends so much time in a hot tub with strapping young college boys UNLESS HE'S GAY, YOU IDIOT.

SHE SAYS . . .

"I'm blonde what's your excuse?" — Actress Reese Witherspoon

VITAL STATISTICS — Born: March 22, 1976, in Baton Rouge, La. Height: 5 feet 2 inches. Hair: Blonde. Eyes: Blue. Marital

Love tips for the over-the-hill gang ...

THE JOY OF GERIATRIC SEX

By SALLY FENNER

YOU CAN KEEP the fires of love alive no matter how old, cranky and wrinkly you are with fabulous new intimacy tips for geezers only!

"Just because you're a bag of bones with a face like an alligator shoe doesn't mean you have to give up on romance," says Dr. Sheila Marsha, a geriatric sexologist from West Palm Beach, Fla.

"It's true that you're over the hill — but so are your potential lovers. So that means you still can score if you keep your expectations low and accept the fact that the cute little fortysomethings you fantasize about are young enough to be your grandchildren."

How to keep the fires of love alive in your 80s, 90s — and beyond!

Here are Dr. Marsha's tips for "getting it on" in your golden years. If you have a weak heart or high blood pressure, you might want a younger, healthier friend or grandchild to read the tips for you, and then tell you about them later after you calm down:

1. Allow yourself plenty of time to get in the mood and ready for action. If you think you're up for a "quickie" at your age, you're dreaming!

2. Don't be picky. The old sayings "Beggars can't be choosers" and "Don't look a gift horse in the mouth" hold true with geezer love. Take what you can get and be grateful for it — regardless of the shape your sweetie is in!

3. Limit your love sessions to dark rooms to avoid confronting the harsh reality that your lover is as wrinkled and saggy as you are. A candle is O.K. if it's small and you put it clear across the room!

4. Denture wearers, be creative! The fact that you can remove your teeth from your mouth should suggest all kinds of erotic possibilities that are lost to others.

"One look at what you're up to might very well make you physically ill," says the psychologist. "And I can't think of a worst 'turn off' than getting sick in bed!"

LOTTERY WINNER PLUCKED CLEAN – AFTER BLOWING FORTUNE ON MORE TICKETS!

By SCOTT STEVENS

A MAN who won $2 million playing the lottery has lost his fortune — buying more lottery tickets. And now the man is poorer than ever.

Evan Greer, 55, came into his fortune three years ago when he bought a scratch-off ticket on a lark. "I bought maybe three won, I thought, 'This is easy!' I mean, it sure beat plucking chickens, which is what I was doing for money."

Greer quit his job, and bought as many lottery tickets as he could. "I spent the whole day scratching cards," Greer says. "You might say I went from pluckin' to scratchin'."

Soon Greer's fortune began dwindling, but he couldn't stop.

Friends tried to get Greer to curb his habit, but he didn't listen to them.

"I honestly thought lottery tickets were a good investment," he says.

Now the former plucker has gone through his entire fortune — and his former job at the chicken plucking plant has been outsourced. To top it off, all that rubbing left him with carpal tun-

MARTHA CREATES STEPFORD CLONE!

Domestic diva lives it up while double goes to jail

SEND in the clone!

Martha Stewart has a $5M robotic clone up-and-running and ready to serve her five month sentence while she hides out — feasting on chocolate-covered bonbons and toasting the techno breakthrough that made it possible.

Forget about those skeletal clunkers from the movie *I, Robot*. Martha's genetically engineered double uses her own DNA as the chemical glue charging its molecule-size nanobots and is programmed to respond like one of *The Stepford Wives*.

Indistinguishable from the real guru of good taste and called "Mar-bot" by its British creators, Martha's clone is built to meekly obey prison guards — and more. It will also submissively accept the physical attentions of other female inmates.

"We had to consider every possibility and program accordingly," says Prof. Claude F. Braithwaite, formerly with the Center for Virtual Environments in the U.K., who was hired by Stewart soon after the June 2003 indictments were handed down.

"Mar-bot can handle rigorous manual labor, a full scale riot — even a 'girls only' cell party that gets a little too cozy for comfort, if you get my drift. It's perfect

THE MAR-BOT can handle

built with tomorrow's technology and Martha's own DNA.

"Mar-bot is essentially the un-Martha. It's nonconfrontational, unhurried and programmed to gaze downward with a hangdog look that's right for prison. Say to Mar-bot, 'How are you?' and it will first smile, then sweetly reply, 'Oh fine, thank you.'"

ARE YOU KIDDING?

Illegal possession of an Internet modem in the country of Burma can lead to a prison term.

Braithwaite and his team worked for over a year, only occasionally leaving the garage-laboratory of Stewart's New York Hamptons home. In town they affected different accents and impersonated migrant workers on their break from toiling on her lawns and gardens.

He is particularly pleased at perfecting Martha's famous "scowl of disapproval" which he says was achieved by hot-wiring "literally hours upon hours" of video of her facial expressions to a hologram which was then synchronized with the robotic mainframe.

Another innovation? Martha's single raised eyebrow expression which Mar-bot copies with such dramatic effect that Braithwaite says even he was made to feel his last statement to her was the most idiotic thing ever uttered by anyone, living or dead.

Not that the construction of Martha's robot went entirely without a hitch. In March, around the time that the domestic diva stepped down from the board of her company, a prototype ran amok, frightening pets and destroying prized chinaware in her kitchen.

A much improved later version successfully passed its test run at East Hampton's Kmart outlet, fussily restacking MS brand towels and candles while threatening to have store staffers "fired and/or flogged" in a voice indistinguishable from Martha's own.

The final test, which Mar-bot passed with flying colors, was to fool Martha's own daughter Alexis. To Stewart's delight, Alexis dutifully took notes while her cloned mom rattled off a shopping list of personal items she may need to take into hiding.

"When Alexis said, 'That's a lot of chocolate-covered bonbons, Mother,' I knew our work here was done. I'm not boasting when I say that neither the prison doctor or the nastiest cell block sugar Mama will know a robot is serving Martha's time," says Braithwaite.

Stewart still hopes her appeal will keep her out of prison, but in the worst-case scenario, Mar-bot is ready. Her immediate problems then become where to hide, and how to dispose of Mar-bot after it has done its job.

Though any one of her five homes would make a fine hiding place, wily Martha's contingency plan is as inspired as sending in a clone to serve her sentence. If Mar-bot is called to action, Braithwaite says Stewart is

log cabin in the Appalachian chain with every imaginable luxury — satellite dish TV, cases of Chardonnay, a PC that logs on to the Internet under another name, the classics from Dickens to Shakespeare, plus lots of her favorite candy.

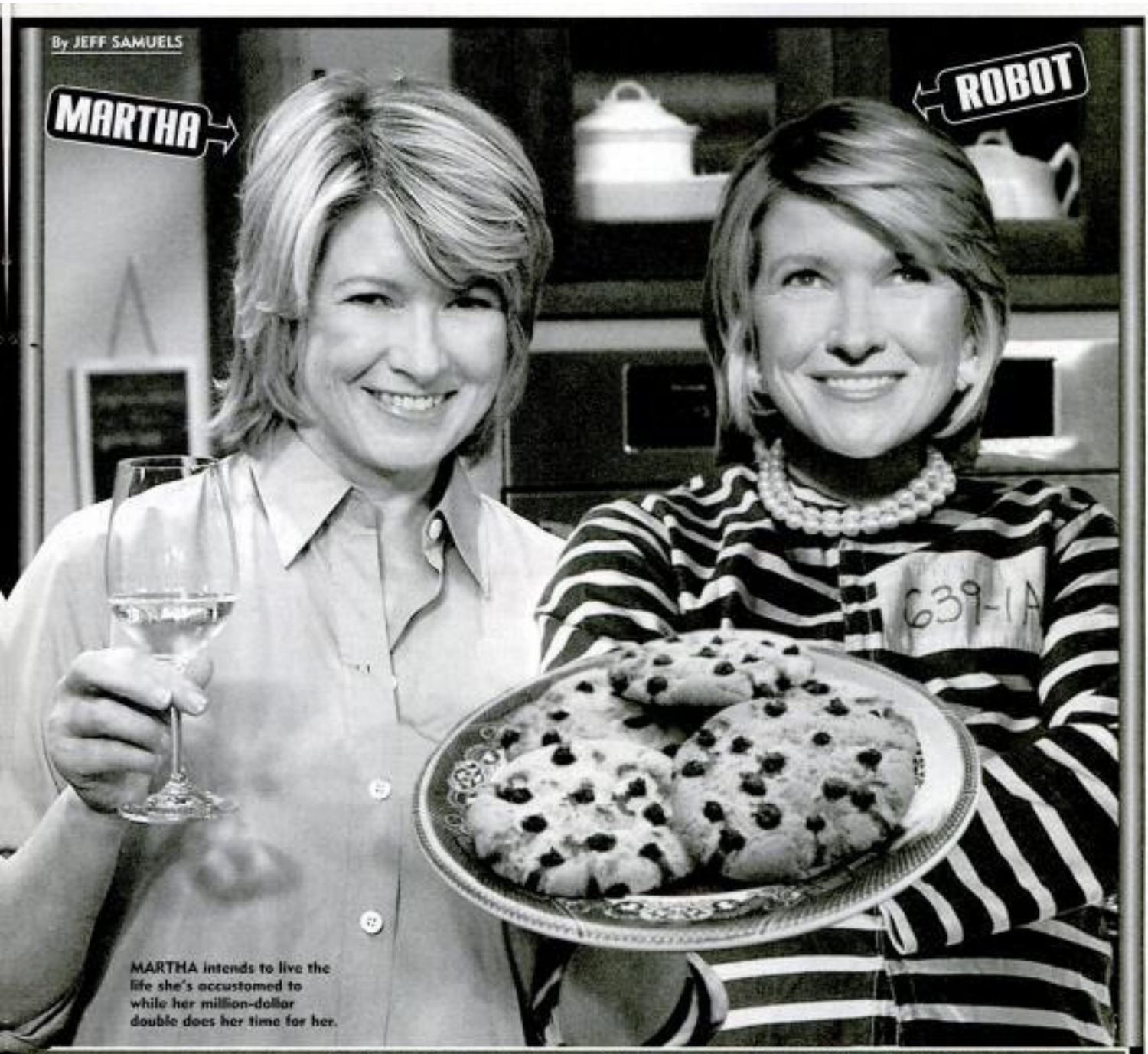
"She says she's particularly enchanted by Brach's chocolate-covered bonbons and has them stacked by the boxful in the woodshed next to the cabin." As for the fate of uncomplaining Mar-bot, Braithwaite says Martha's heart is already hardened.

"We're urging her to keep Mar-bot for down the line, to attend boring charity events and business meetings," says Braithwaite. "Considering the literally billions of accelerations and momenta of nanobots that went into this breakthrough technology, it's a gem.

"But Martha could care less. She says she's going to shut off Mar-bot's power source, weigh it down with some really heavy chains and drop it off a boat out in Hamptons Bay without so much as a goodbye or thank you very much."

Though Stewart gave the Braithwaite team a free hand in the construction of her clone which he says cost her a cool $1M, she put her foot down and made them erase one sentence of speech which was originally part of Mar-bot's 1.5 million

By JEFF SAMUELS



MARTHA intends to live the life she's accustomed to while her million-dollar double does her time for her.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE MAR-BOT

DAYS can be hard for female prisoners — and nights can be

IF MARTHA is sent to prison as she fears, her robotic clone will join 200 mostly black and Hispanic female prisoners at the overcrowded Federal Correctional Institution in Danbury, Conn., just a short drive from her $12M home in nearby Westport.

The clone will not care if it is assigned a bottom bunk bed in consideration of Martha's 62 years, nor care, limited recreation, poorly ventilated bathrooms and, especially, lesbian sex.

For Martha is all too familiar with a Danbury secret called "gay for the stay" where heterosexual women often enter into lesbian relationships for companionship or, more often, to align themselves with a tough "sugar Mama" for protection against gangs.

Her clone will rise without complaint at 6 a.m. when lights before giving away breakfast, served from 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m, to some grateful inmate who either won't notice or care that it never eats.

For the next eight hours, it's off to work. The tireless clone could work jobs spanning plumbing to gardening to cooking — where it may be asked to treat fellow inmates to Martha's famous chocolate chips. The pay: 12 cents an hour — money the

Why does the Devil make me feel warm and fuzzy?

The Sabak Sisters
AMERICA'S SEXIEST SEERS

DEAR SERENA: Whenever I see a picture of the Devil I feel all warm and fuzzy inside like a teenager with a crush on a handsome teacher.

That's fine for a Satan worshiper — but I'm a good Christian girl and I go to church every Sunday. I even have a 20-year perfect-attendance pin, Serena, and I'm only 21. Why does the Devil make me feel so good inside? I don't want to be evil. I want to be a good person. But something deep down keeps saying, "The Devil is the man!" — Devil Lover in Ashland, Ky.

Dear Devil Lover: A quick check of my tarot cards reveals a most interesting fact — you aren't human, dear . . . you're a demon in disguise, sent here by Lucifer 21 years ago to infiltrate human culture and spy. All this will become clear to you in a very short while. I strongly sense that the Devil will be calling you home to Hell to report on your findings any day now. May God have mercy on your soul!

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Dear Serena: I've been a rock 'n' roll megastar for over 10 years. Millions of fans adore me and grovel at my feet wherever I go. My band and I pack concert halls and stadiums all over the world. I've had my share of problems with drugs, alcohol and women, but I always get a grip and bounce back before I completely waste myself.

The thing is, despite all the fame and riches, I feel empty inside, and I'm completely unfulfilled. Why can't I be happy, Serena? Please help me. — Rock Star in Frisco

Dear Rock Star: You of all people should know that stardom comes with a price — as a celebrity, you are forced to live your life for other people instead of for yourself. Peering into my crystal ball, I can see that your happiness lies in major changes. I strongly advise you to "pull an Elvis," fake your death — and go into hiding.

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Dear Serena: All my life I've tried to hook a man, but I've never had much luck. The longest I've ever dated a guy was six weeks. And I've never been in love. I'm 27 now and no spring chicken. Will I ever find love with a good man or should I just give up? — Spinster in Rawlins, Wyo.

Dear Spinster: You'll never find love and happiness with a man — but you will find them with a woman. You'll bump into Miss Right at the slot machines during a vacation to Las Vegas. I see you jetting off for a quickie gay wedding in December. The ceremony will be attended by two other gals you'll meet in Vegas — celebrity lesbians Rosie O'Donnell and Ellen DeGeneres!

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37 Made beer or coffee
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45 Tropical garlands
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56 Urge onward
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59 Barely makes a living
60 Thin rope
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69 Ethics
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72 Jab with the finger
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81 Stop
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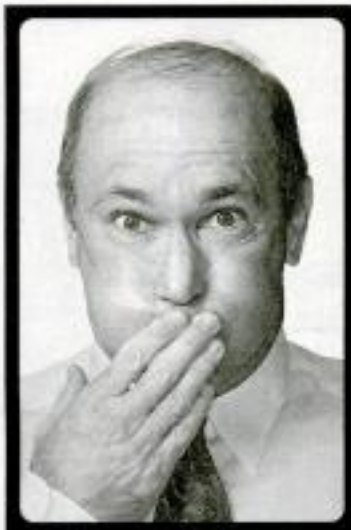

Man violates noise ordinance – by burping

A NORTHERN California town is wrestling with an unusual problem. Edward "Big Ed" Furnier has been charged with violating the community's noise ordinance for the 37th time — for burping.

Town spokesperson Veronica Dandridge reports they have previously spoken at length with Mr. Furnier about his bylaw-busting belches. Says Dandridge: "We are sympathetic to his medical condition but people have a right to safety, security and sleep. His expulsions are disturbing."

But Furnier claims he has no medical condition.

"I have gas," says Furnier. "I burp. It's natural. Are you telling me Veronica doesn't burp?"

Neighbors are not forgiving.

"I haven't had a decent night sleep since this started," says a woman on Furnier's street who wishes to remain anonymous. "My bed shakes like a train going by. I thought it was a low flying jet the first time I heard him. It knocked plaster off my wall."

Another victim of Ed's gastric explosions says: "Barking dogs, loud radios, even gunfire don't bother me none, but that burping! My bowling trophy fell off the mantel and hit my wife on the head."

Ed's eruptions are so intense seismographs at Cal State Fullerton have faintly registered five of them.

"Progress will never be made

WARNING: HOOKERS AHEAD!

Road signs warn of sexy traffic hazard

THE TERM "dangerous curves" takes on a whole new meaning in Romania — where officials have put up road signs warning drivers that there are prostitutes ahead!

The eye-popping, triangular signs — which feature silhouettes of shapely female forms in miniskirts — were posted for safety reasons.

"We've had many tragic incidents in which motorists have plowed into groups of prostitutes loitering in the road or crashed into the back of a car that has stopped for the driver to solicit the services of a lady of the evening," explains Lucian Tarnu, head of the police in Sibiu county.

"There have also been accidents that occurred when a motorist is taken by surprise at the sight of a scantily clad woman at the roadside and lost control of the vehicle.

"Hopefully, making drivers aware of areas where prostitutes commonly congregate

The signs were first placed along the Olt Valley Road, which runs through the center of Romania, and are gradually being rolled out nationwide, according to the daily *Evenimentul Zilei* newspaper.

Not everyone is a fan of the lifesaving road signs. Some residents complain that the depictions of the hookers — shown with perfect hourglass figures and posed provocatively — are so steamy, the signs actually serve as an invitation to love-starved johns.

"One of these signs, less than 15 feet from my driveway, shows a strumpet with breasts like two watermelons leaning forward and sticking out her round backside," complains 54-year-old Augustina Valeriu, who lives outside Bucharest.

"The sign is telling potential customers exactly where harlots can be found and encourages them to pull over for a fling.

"If that wasn't bad enough, coincidentally, right next to it is

"Some people might find all this amusing — but believe me, it's not funny when some drunken lout knocks on my door at 3 a.m. asking how much I charge."

Adding fuel to the controversy, Romanian pimps have recognized the potential of the "advertising" gimmick and have gotten into the act by putting up their own, unauthorized signs.

Though almost identical to the police signs, they are more explicit — showing the particular specialty of the working girl on that street.

One shocking sign erected in a suburb of Constanta shows a kneeling hooker performing a "Monica Lewinsky." Another shows a woman holding a whip, touting her prowess as a dominatrix.

A prostitute-caution sign posted in Brasov shows a bent-over streetwalker pointing at her own fanny, presumably warning of a "rear-end collision," while one in the mountain village of Sibiel depicts a pair of dueling streetwalkers — indicating the willingness of local

ARE YOU KIDDING?

Hookers got their title during the Civil War when General Joseph Hooker, of the Union Army, tried to boost morale by allowing prostitutes access to his troops. Quickly dubbed "Hooker's girls," the prostitutes shortened it to "hookers." The name stuck.

By VINCENZO SARDI

WATCH OUT! Prostitutes ahead signs like these are now common in Romania.

One shocking sign shows a kneeling prostitute performing a 'Monica

"These signs are illegal and whoever put them up will be fined," vows Police Chief Tarnu.

But despite community complaints about the legit, officially sanctioned signs, those are here to stay.

"Our main concern

Russian space dog buried bones on Mars!

NASA's *Spirit* rover on Mars has uncovered bones, buried by a Russian space dog.

An anonymous NASA source says: "We'd heard stories of a Russian rover but we thought it was mechanical, not a real Rover!"

The NASA source claims the canine Martian explorer is "shocking but not surprising." "The Russians always send a dog first. They may not have meant to send him to Mars, but there he is."

The bones were excavated by the *Spirit* rover while searching for signs of life in the Martian soil. Scientists now realize that many of the Martian craters are not from meteor impacts but are the work of a four-legged terrestrial terrier.

Spirit's wide spectrum camera has had fleeting glimpses of the playful pooch.

"He's frisky," says the NASA source. "Always wants to play with *Spirit* — he thinks it's a toy. This may be an opportunity for international goodwill, but we've got work to do. The darn mutt has been chewing on our high gain antenna."

NASA is considering raising the matter with the UN Committee For Planetary Protection. According to the NASA source, "Unfortunately, scolding and saying 'Bad Dog' doesn't really work from 35 million miles away."

NEWS 'TOON

By JAKE ANDERSON

BORDER PATROLS HELPLESS TO

MEXICANS USE GIANT SLINGSHOT TO SNEAK INTO U.S.

ARE YOU KIDDING?

FUN FACT: The most popular TV show in Mexico is *Amigos*, known, of course, in the U.S. as *Friends*.

MEXICAN illegal aliens are now entering the United States by flying — but they're not taking airplanes, they're being flung over the border courtesy of giant slingshots, and U.S. immigration officials admit there's nothing they can do to stop it.

"We're stymied," says Roy Attenborough, a top U.S. Customs officer.

Mexicans who want to enter the U.S. illegally have either had to sneak through border crossings, or take long and dangerous journeys, traversing desert and wild rivers. The giant slingshot, set up about 200 yards from the U.S. border, sends them flying into Texas, where they land — usually — on giant mattresses.

The "slingbacks," as they're called, are then brought to a nearby farm where they work.

In addition to being quicker and safer, Mexicans are finding that coming into the country via slingshot has another advantage. "It's fun!" says a man who recently took the trip.

"Some of the illegal aliens even say they want to go back to Mexico so they can 'do the slingshot' again!" says Jorge, one of

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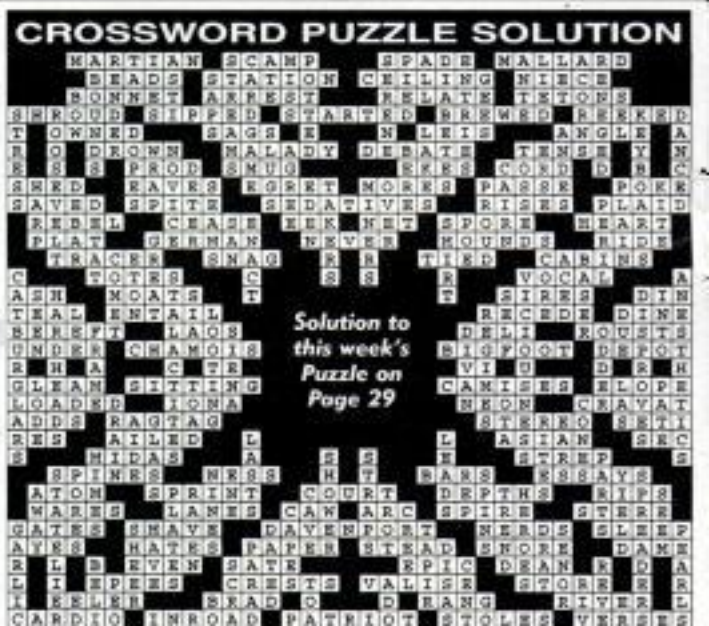

Solution to this week's Puzzle on Page 29

STOP HIGH-FLYING ILLEGALS . . .

the trip coordinators, who declined to give his last name.

"We discourage them from unnecessarily repeating the trip," he says.

But U.S. immigration officials think it's anything but fun.

"It's an impossible situation," says Attenborough. "The first time I encountered this, I was standing on the border, and suddenly I heard this loud cry of 'Ayy Carambaaaaa!' over my head. I looked up, and this guy was flying through the air, holding on to his baseball cap.

"A minute later, I saw two big duffel bags following him."

Customs agents are at a loss.

"The only way to stop them is to shoot them out of the sky," says Attenborough. "And we obviously can't do that, for political reasons."

Lately there's been a new innovation — entire families flying together!

"They bundle up to four people into a 'family pack' and they all hurtle over, crying 'Ayy Carambaaaaa!' together!" says Attenborough.

Ironically, the slingshot service began because it was getting more difficult to get into the U.S. by other means.

The slingshots are mounted on wheels so that they can be set up from different mobile locations all the time, confounding US Customs officials who can't predict where the immigrants will land. The slingshot operators communicate with the men in charge of the giant mattresses — which are also mounted on wheels — via walkie-talkie, so that they can stay ahead of customs officials.

"It's very sophisticated," says Attenborough.

. . . THEY HIT THE GROUND & START RUNNING . . .

The new transportation system is not without its dangers. In three instances the two sides didn't communicate properly, and the Mexicans landed on hard ground.

"It's a new technology," Jorge says. "When airplanes were first invented, they crashed a lot, too."

Still, many Mexicans are willing to take the risk. "Besides," says a recent arrival, "it's a great way to see the country."

. . . NIGHT SHOTS ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO SPOT!

WHAT A BOMB!

By MARK MILLER

THE controversial off-Broadway musical comedy about Iraqi suicide bombers, *Boom!*, has closed immediately after its opening night.

Musical comedy about suicide terrorists closes after one night!

"I just don't understand how it could have failed," bemoans baffled writer-producer Salim al Harkawi.

"It had everything going for it — delightful Iraqi music, traditional Iraqi dancing, a timely, exciting story and realistic explosion sound effects."

Boom! ended up selling only three tickets for its first — and last — night's performance. Two of the tickets went to Harkawi's parents, and the third to a patient who had just escaped from a nearby mental institution.

Harkawi says that despite this failure, the show's musical numbers will always remain in his heart. They include: "I've Grown Accustomed to Your Corpse," "Oh, What a Beautiful Pipe Bomb," "I Could Have Killed All Night," "If I Were a Dead Man," "Don't Cry For Me, Nasiriyah," "I Just Met a Girl Named Zahara," and "Get Me to the Hearse on Time."

One benefit to have come out of *Boom!*'s closing is that it frees up Harkawi's time and energy to devote to developing his next major project

Adolf! — a hip-hop opera dealing with Hitler's early struggles as a painter.

EGGHEADS TACKLE WORLD'S TOP 10 MYSTERIES

PHILOSOPHERS from around the world have gathered at the 66th annual Brilliant Brains Convention in Geneva, Switzerland.

This year's symposium is entitled: "Questions That Have Puzzled Mankind." Top thinkers are scheduled to debate these mysteries:

DAY 1: If the Professor on *Gilligan's Island* can make a two-burn setting?

DAY 3: Who was the first person to look at a chicken and say: 'I'm going to eat the next thing that falls out of its butt.' "?

DAY 4: Do illiterate people understand the full impact of Alphabet Soup?

DAY 5: Can a human and an alien drive in the carpool lane?

architect Mike Brady design a house for his family of eight with only one bathroom?

DAY 8: If a tree falls in the forest and no one is there to hear it, do deaf people care if it makes a sound?

DAY 9: If corn oil is made from corn and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil

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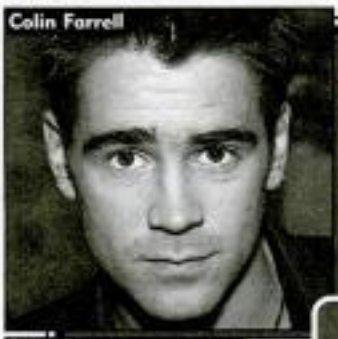
Colin Farrell

Aaahhh . . . Pamela Anderson. Let's just take a moment to appreciate this big-time babe. Most memorable as a busty *Baywatch* beauty, she ranks at the top of our hot list. Apparently, she's made it to the top of a few others, too. Can you pick who else's list has had Pam on top in the past? Answers are below.

Matt LeBlanc

Scott Baio

Accordíng to our sources Pammy has been linked romantically to Scott Baio, Kelly Slater and Marcus Schenkenberg.

Kelly Slater

Weird Al Yankovic

Marcus Schenkenberg

MYSTERY EYES

Here are close-ups of five people whose eyes give them a distinctive look and who share a small detail. Can you place the faces and name the names? Answers are below. HINT: America idolizes them.

1

Not exactly Mr. Nice Guy.

2

Straight up, she'll tell you.

3

Idolized and supersized.

4

No, it's not Barry Manilow.

5

You'll always remember the first one.

WHO ARE THEY?
1) Simon Cowell 2) Paula Abdul 3) Ruben Studdard 4) Clay Aiken 5) Kelly Clarkson

YOUR TAROT FORTUNE REVEALED! (From Page 26)

Card No. 3: 6 of Cups
PLEASURE

Love: Think of life through the eyes of a child. See the world as a perfect place. Be trusting and open to new experiences. You'll see being a little naive is not always a bad thing.

Money: You are a money master. Whatever trials lie ahead, be sure you will rise above them just as you have in the past. Be careful with your money, but not too stingy.

Health: Take this time out to do something special for yourself. Get a massage or start a book you've been

Card No. 5: The Priestess
INTUITION

Love: Rely on your first instinct with your current relationship. It may not be easy, but if you have any inner sense of doubt, don't waste your time here. Pack up and move on.

Money: An investment opportunity will soon present itself to you. Keep an eye out so you don't miss it. Taking advantage of this one will lead you to good fortune.

Health: Summer's winding down, but that doesn't mean it's O.K. to let yourself go. Keep working at it. If you feel good about yourself,

Card No. 1: 2 of Coins
CHANGE

Love: Your love life is getting ready to move into a new phase. Accept this, realizing that too much change can lead to a falling apart, but no change at all always leads to boring stagnation.

Money: Reassess your financial investments. Speak with a financial analyst to get the ball rolling with some different ventures. You'll be pleasantly surprised with the bonuses that come your way.

Health: Hardcore training, to you, may not be the most appealing way of staying fit. Try instead something a little

Card No. 2: 8 of Wands
SWIFTNESS

Love: It seems like any problems that come up get resolved and pushed aside so easily right now. Now is a good time to bring up those underlying issues. With your current attitude, they won't seem so terrible to mount.

Money: Start a serious savings plan. This is the time in your life when you need to start planning for the future. Even a little each month can add up fast.

Health: You've tried several diets and none of them have had the effect you've been looking for. A good

Card No. 4: 5 of Wands
RUIN

Love: A partner suddenly has a change of heart. Realize that yesterday shaped today and today shapes tomorrow, so don't dwell on your losses. Think positively and this will pass.

Money: You may have to take a pay cut. Don't take it personally, just do whatever is necessary to get back in good standing. Moping around won't help here.

Health: An old injury keeps nagging at you. Don't ignore it. See a doctor before it gets worse. You

You can play Serena's Magic Tarot Cards, too! Just turn to Page 26 and

CITY PASSES LAW AGAINST NON-SMOKERS

Light up or get outta town!

By BERNIE PYLE

A KENTUCKY town is going up in smoke — cigarette smoke, that is — since it became the first burg in the country requiring residents to light up!

Any adult who doesn't puff a cancer stick in Cornpoke, Kentucky, is either escorted to the border, or put in a holding pen where residents blow smoke in his face until he gives in and lights up on his own.

And since the town imposed its ordinance, business has never been healthier.

"The citizens don't look so good, but the economy is rosy," jokes Mayor Archibald Gumm.

Oddly enough, the "Smokers Only" policy began as a jokey advertisement.

"There were a couple of townships around us that started imposing all these restrictive 'No smoking' laws," says Gumm. "And all the bars were grumbling that business was down eighty percent. We figured those people gotta drink somewheres, so we ran a funny ad in those places saying that not only CAN you smoke in our bars, you HAVE to smoke in our bars."

The response was overwhelming. Thousands of smokers from the surrounding areas came pouring into Cornpoke.

"Once they were here, we couldn't very well tell them they couldn't smoke in the restaurants, hotels or public places," says Gumm. "So the town became one big smoking area."

The town quickly became a smoker's haven, but then some of the non-smokers started complaining. Some of them even started filing lawsuits.

"We had to do something," says Gumm. "We were spending more time in court than we were in our offices."

The town was trying to decide what to do, when a lawyer from a prominent tobacco company paid them a visit.

"He said that, paradoxically, the only way to protect ourselves from these lawsuits was for Cornpoke to declare itself 'Smokers Only,' " says Gumm. "That way non-smokers couldn't complain that their health was at risk, because they weren't supposed to be here in the first place."

While Cornpoke became the first town in the country to declare itself "Smokers Only, " it wasn't the first time the Kentucky municipality had been in the news for controversy. A few years ago it followed the lead of towns in Texas making it mandatory for all adults to carry guns in public. Another proposed law, requiring everyone to drink alcohol, was narrowly defeated.

"One way or another, we're all gonna kill ourselves here," jokes Burt Connors, a self-described "unrepentant drinker and smoker."

Anti-smoking groups have come to Cornpoke to protest, but they quickly leave. "We just blow smoke in their faces, and they run away, screaming," laughs Connors.

But now many more people come to Cornpoke to live or visit.

"I come here every weekend," says Evelyn Hague, a nurse. "You could say I'm addicted to this place."

Sam Brandish, who runs the local mill, says he values the freedom of choice. "Everywhere else you look, the government's orderin' people to do what's 'good' for them. In Cornpoke, our elected officials don't give a rat's patootie."

Looking at the constant haze that Cornpoke finds itself in since passing the law, Mayor Gumm

Here's something to chew on . . .

JUNK FOOD SNACKS MAKE YOU SMARTER

By LUKE CAUTHEN

YOU CAN unleash the full potential of your brain and boost your I.Q., too, by snacking on crunchy Cheese Puffs, Cheetos and Cheez — especially the "flaming hot" kind.

That's the word from psychologist Dr. William Springs, who says that no fewer than five new studies prove that the collection of food dyes, preservatives and artificial flavors found in the snacks stimulates the brain "to be the best it can be, performing at peak efficiency."

"I liken it to putting jet fuel in a Volkswagen — once you do, that little putt-putt is going to fly," explains the expert, of Los Angeles.

"What we've found is that cheesy snacks are very, very good to the human brain.

"One study showed that college students who eat them immediately before tests perform up to 15 percent better than students who eat other junk foods or nothing at all.

"A second study compared the ability of rats to negotiate a difficult maze. Some of the animals were fed cheesy snacks. Some were fed 'rabbit foods' like salads and boring vegan dishes. Still others were fed burgers and fries.

"The rats that ate the snacks performed all comers, finishing the maze a full minute before their closest competitors, the rats that chowed down on the burgers and fries."

The expert stopped short of recommending that people eat the snacks to increase their brain power, but he did say they "could do worse."

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HENPECKED HUBBY REMOVES WIFE'S VOICE BOX!

Man bribes sympathetic doctor into 'botching' tonsil operation

A NAGGING wife is something that Dr. Pallone could relate to.

DR. FRANK PALLONE is facing 20 years in jail after taking a hefty bribe to remove a woman's voice box during a routine tonsillectomy, say prosecutors.

By BECKY TODD

"I have a nagging witch for a wife, too. So many times I've wished I could take a pair of pliers, hold her down on the floor and rip out her larynx. I was glad to help a fellow sufferer."

Esther Shields, 59, and husband Percy, 61, have been longtime patients of Pallone. When he diagnosed Esther's persistent sore throats as a tonsil problem, Percy told his wife to go into the waiting room so he could speak to the physician alone.

According to Pallone, Percy said: "Esther and I have been married for 40 years. She cooks and cleans like an angel. After she mops the floor, you could eat off it.

"But her blow hole spouts 24 hours a day. 'Percy, why does everyone's lawn look nicer than ours? Percy, you're a loser. Percy, you're lousy in bed. Percy, you're lazy, fat and I wish I'd married someone else.'

"You see the dilemma I'm in, Doc. I want to keep her around because she'd be the perfect servant if she would only keep her trap shut.

"I have an account hidden away in the Caymans that take out her tonsils and her voice box, too. That way, Esther can keep cooking and cleaning and waiting on me, but she'll be mute — my wildest dream come true. Please help me."

Dr. Pallone says he was swept away with sympathy for Shields, especially when he learned the Caribbean bank account held $500,000 in nontaxable funds.

"I was taking out the shrew's tonsils anyway, a couple snips with the surgical scissors and she'd never utter another nagging, miserable insult again," says Pallone.

Accordingly, as Esther lay on the operating table, Pallone relieved her of both her tonsils and her high-pitched, grating speak," Esther writes on a notepad.

"I wasn't too worried because they told me it was a side effect of a tonsillectomy. After two months, I still couldn't tell Percy what a worthless scum sucker he is, so I got suspicious.

"I went to another doctor for a second opinion, thinking Pallone had botched the operation. That's when I discovered what those two S.O.B.s had cooked up behind my back.

"Now, I'm slapping a lawsuit on the doctor and divorce papers on Percy.

"I'm one of those rare people who makes the best of things, though. I'm attending mime

ARE YOU KIDDING?

Mimes go back to the 14th century, when kings and queens would use them to torture prisoners in their dungeons until they committed suicide.

Fridge magnets are turning Earth upside down!

Scientists predict pollution, earthquakes . . . and worse

THE Earth's magnetic field has diminished in strength by an alarming 10 percent in recent years and may soon collapse and then reverse, scientists warn.

And shockingly, researchers blame refrigerator magnets for the impending calamity!

"Refrigerator magnets are to the magnetosphere what pollution is to the ozone layer," explains German physicist Dr. Herman Brucker, whose team made the unsettling discovery.

"In the past, when only a handful of these devices were in use, their effect was minimal. But when you talk about millions of refrigerator magnets worldwide, each generating its own electromagnetic field, the accumulative effect is enough to throw our planet out of kilter."

A reversal of the poles — which would cause compasses to suddenly point south instead of north — could take place "within six years," according to the scientists.

And the consequences for mankind will be grave:

- Shifts in the Earth's magnetic field can cause massive earthquakes and geomagnetic storms that shut down power grids.
- As the magnetic field diminishes, it ceases to shield Earthlings from deadly cosmic radiation.
- Satellites may go on the fritz or simply tumble out of the sky.
- Changes in the magnetic field could alter the chemistry of our atmosphere — rendering it poisonous.

"I'm not saying throw away all your refrigerator magnets — but I suggest limiting your collection to

Global warming blamed for spontaneous combustions!

RESEARCHERS report an alarming 35 percent rise in spontaneous human combustion over the past year — and blame global warming for the epidemic!

What's more, for the first time, reports are flooding in of animals such as cows, dogs, cats and even beavers also inexplicably bursting into flames, according to Sweden's Magnusson Institute of Science.

"Animals have a delicate mechanism for regulating their body temperatures," says biologist Dr. Dolph Andersson. "We suspect global warming is throwing that mechanism out of whack, causing victims to radically overheat."

Global warming results from the release of industrial pollutants into the atmosphere. Significantly, the fastest growth of SHC has been at the polar regions where pollution has bored holes in the ozone layer.

"Antarctica is the coldest place on Earth, with temperatures as low as -129 Fahrenheit," says Dr. Andersson.

"When you see a penguin suddenly catch fire and explode you have to say, 'Maybe it's time we do something about global warming.' "

BURNING QUESTION: Are we all going up in flames?

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IL. 402-604 Single White male, 44, 5'10", 190 lbs., very shy with women, never married, very lonely, submissive, looking for dominant female for LTR. Any age, younger or older.

OR. 402-605 White male, 43, 5'11", 170 lbs., financially secure, handsome, romantic. Like outdoors, traveling, movies, music. Will answer everyone, younger or older than me.

WA. 403-606 SWM, 40, successful, romantic, smoker. Seeking a SBF, 33-43, sincere, smoker, for a LTR and possibly more. Let's take a vacation together somewhere. Please send letter and photo for response. Fees returned for all photos sent. No drug users. Will answer all letters.

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IT'S OFFICIAL — fat folks are sexier.

And that's why Americans, the fattest people on earth, have just been named the world's greatest lovers.

Italians choked on their spaghetti and hopping mad Frenchmen spat out their frog legs in disgust after a team of international researchers announced its findings last week.

"After three years of research in a dozen different countries we discovered two very interesting facts," says team leader Dr. Susan Boyd of Manchester, England.

"The first was that overweight people have a higher sex drive than their skinny cousins, and that Americans have replaced both the Italians and French as the world's greatest lovers.

"We used some basic criteria to come to this conclusion: The number of times males and females engaged in sexual intercourse, the pleasure and satisfaction index of both sexes, graded on a scale of one to 10, and finally the perceived attractiveness of the sexual partner, again on a one to 10 scale.

"In all three categories, Americans scored highest. And the fatter the man or woman, the higher the score.

"Americans say they engage in sexual intercourse 5.5 times a week, far surpassing the Italian average of 2.1, the French running a poor third at 1.0 even.

"When asked how much pleasure and satisfaction they got from sex, on a scale of one to 10, Americans, both male and female, entered the lists at an incredible 9.5. The Italian satisfaction index was 5.5 and the French a measly 2.3.

"When asked how attractive they considered their sex partner on a scale of one to 10, Americans responded with a whopping 10. The more fastidious Italians gave their partners a 5, and the French a woeful 2."

The study was bankrolled

WHOLE lotta lovin': Fat Americans blow away both the French and Italians in the bedroom!

was similar to a study they financed 25 years ago.

"Americans have come a long way since then," Dr. Boyd says. "In 1979 the world's greatest lovers were the Italians, with the French a close second. America tied with Ethiopia near the bottom of the list, beating only Russia and Morocco.

"The difference is that the fattest nation on Earth is now the sexiest, proving that fat can indeed be beautiful — it's all in the eye of the beholder.

"Scientists will now study our results and try to determine why being obese makes us sexier. Perhaps it's a throwback to cave man times when the fatter a man or woman was, the more likely they were to

ARE YOU KIDDING?

According to a survey of congressmen, 1 in 3 refused to kiss fat babies on the campaign trail.

tive as potential mates.

"Why sexual performance is enhanced among fat people is a mystery. It's possible that, since they know they are not skinny and attractive like the fashion model ideal, they try harder.

"And why Americans see their obese sex partner as attractive could be a changing beauty norm. The reign of the skinny could be over, giving way to the obese. Today, in America at least, fat's where it's at."

The French are crying foul over the report, saying that the enduring reputation of Frenchman as great lovers was established centuries ago and continues to this day.

"This report was skewed in favor of Americans who buy more beauty products than any other nation," sniffs a govern-

ers rolling on a squeaking bed is sexy."

An Italian Ministry of Tourism spokesman adds: "People should vacation in Italy where they will quickly discover that we are still the greatest lovers on Earth.

"I do not believe this report. Somebody was bought — big time."

— G.A. GUNN

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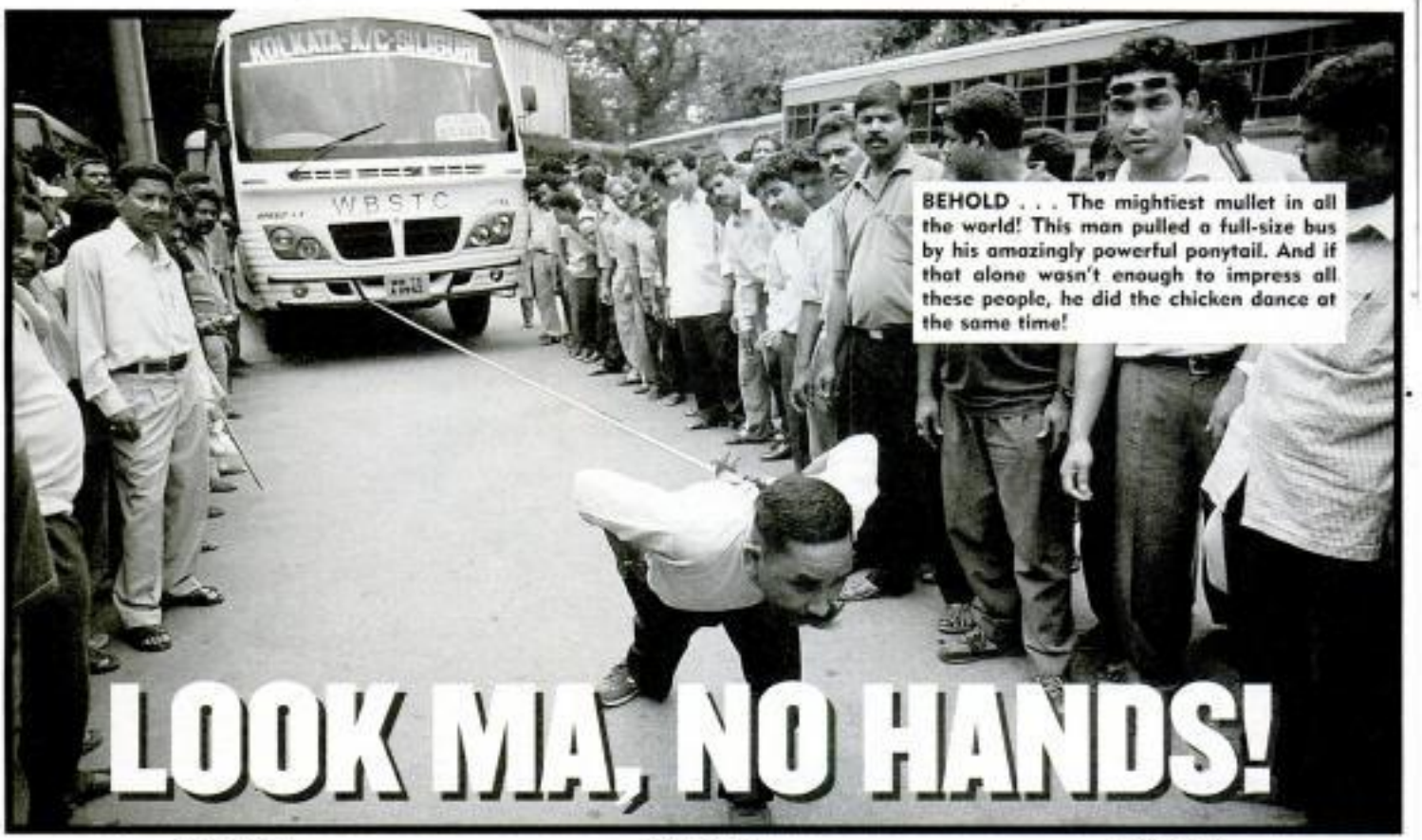

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Your weekly star guide

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CAPRICORN	3, 17, 20, 36, 44, 49

ARIES
Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

You could make real progress in personal and business affairs this week with the aid of an unexpected lucky break involving the color turquoise.

Creativity is high, and you should probably approach your partner with those innovative ideas you have for improving your sex life.

You could be vulnerable to health problems just now. Take your vitamins.

TAURUS
Apr. 20 – May 20

Your lucky numbers this week are 20 and 38, and they could pay off in a big way if you're willing to take a chance.

An innocent but suspicious-looking situation with a friend could make a loved one jealous, so be careful. Be charming and vague if things get sticky.

Matrimony may be in the immediate future for singles.

GEMINI
May 21 – June 20

Expect to be praised this week for a job well done. Someone may reward you with a valuable gift or a sum of money. Use the extra cash to pay down your credit cards.

You may find a loved one impossible to deal with in the middle of the week. Ignore them.

By the weekend, you'll be distracted in a good way with romance.

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

Be prepared for a romance or a new beginning with a partner this week.

Brighten your surroundings and fill your days with activities that make you happy. Call on friends or relatives for help if you need it.

Traveling over the weekend could lead to a new opportunity where your finances are concerned, but don't forget your toothbrush.

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

Be prepared — some great opportunities or changes of fortune lie in wait for you this week. One could bring a better place to live, but be careful of anything that seems too good to be true.

Domestic drudgery keeps you busy over the weekend, but you still find time for romance — perhaps with a new partner. Pamper yourselves.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Budget woes occupy your time this week and you may have difficulty making financial decisions. Bite the bullet and pay what you can.

Your health and wealth are connected. You feel in control, and rightly so. Spend time near water if possible.

Weekend travel or a new companion prove exciting and lead the way to adventure. Drive carefully.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

A great week is in store for lucky you. You move from project to project, easily accomplishing your goals.

You rule the roost in your professional life and your lucky numbers are 4 and 15.

Look for you and your true love to have a romantic get-together, an intimate candlelit dinner for two. Don't be afraid to play a little footsie.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

You win praise this week for handling a sticky situation with grace and dignity. Bravo!

Recurring bouts of anxiety and jittery nerves could be caused by too much caffeine and rude children. Switch to decaf and discipline the kids.

A weekend walk turns into an adventure when a bargain found at a sidewalk or garage sale makes your day.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Good medical news buoys your spirits early this week. Expect more happy news over the telephone — but also be prepared for a disturbing letter or e-mail.

Spending a day with old friends or relatives brings back happy memories.

Your beloved makes a delightful suggestion for a special evening and you'll both be glad of it.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

You seem to have everything under control and you're feeling energetic this week. Your self-confidence and positive attitude are at an all-time high.

Most of your friends want to share your effervescent enthusiasm, but expect one of them to gossip.

An encounter while shopping can lead to money. Your lucky numbers are 44 and 3.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

You're seeking personal recognition as well as romance and that's great. But watch out — someone is watching you, and feels threatened by your dreams.

Lucky numbers are 13 and 5. Keep a sharp lookout for a special sign from a friend in blue.

Remember, most accidents happen within a few miles of home, so buckle up.

PISCES
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

You may feel overwhelmed by personal problems this week. But you're a survivor who can handle almost any situation, no matter how stressful — so cool it. The situation won't last too long.

Your presently gloomy financial picture will brighten when an unexpected dividend or bonus comes to lift your sagging spirits.

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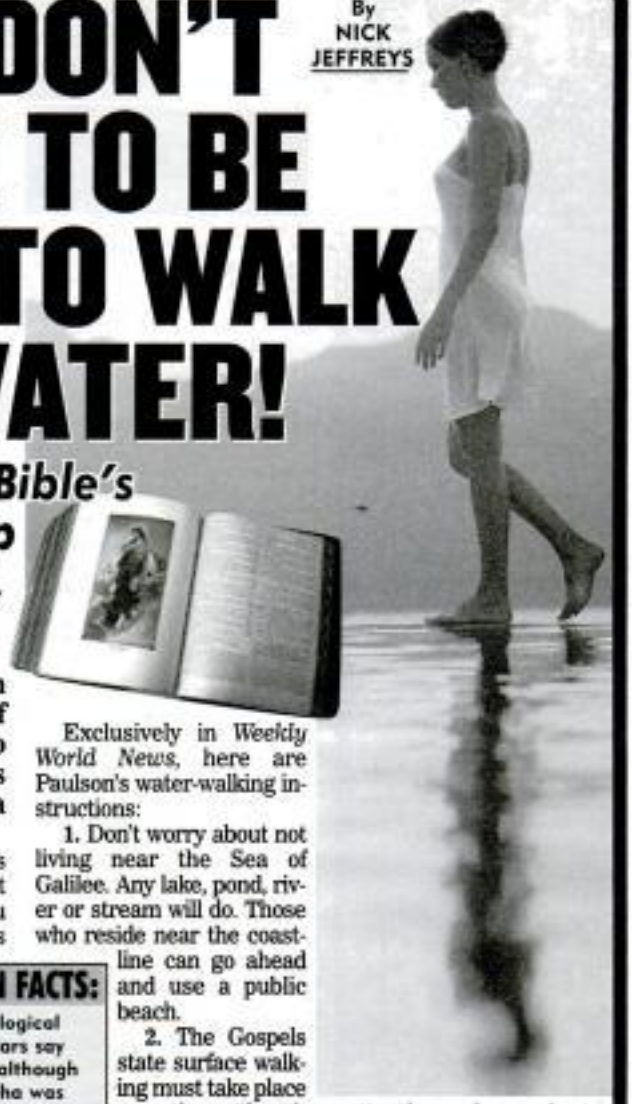

Just follow Bible's step-by-step instructions, says expert

ANYONE can walk on water if they bother to read the directions in the Bible, says a theological scholar.

"Jesus strolled across the Sea of Galilee like it was no big deal — and you can be just like Him!" says Brother Michael Paulson, who sequestered himself at St. Abernathy's Abby in France for 30 years strictly to study the Good Book.

"He left instructions in the New Testament, in which disciples Matthew, Mark and others described Him moseying back and forth on the surf."

To figure out the miracle water-walking technique, a person has to carefully read between the lines, decode the meaning of ancient nautical terms, analyze the personalities involved and calculate weather conditions.

"I devoted three decades of my life to pondering each word in the Bible," says Paulson, 58, "and I finally got the method down pat. Now I

FUN FACTS:

Theological scholars say that although Buddha was grossly overweight, he could bob across the surface of a small lake.

Exclusively in *Weekly World News*, here are Paulson's water-walking instructions:

1. Don't worry about not living near the Sea of Galilee. Any lake, pond, river or stream will do. Those who reside near the coastline can go ahead and use a public beach.

2. The Gospels state surface walking must take place on the "fourth watch." During the time of Jesus' life on Earth, this means around 3 in the morning. If you doze off, it can be stretched to 6 a.m., but no later. In the event you hit early morning rush hour traffic, you can possibly make it as late as 6:45 a.m. But definitely not after 7.

3. In every reference to the miracle, the breeze was strong and blowing against Jesus. The wind current probably helped hold Him up, says the expert.

4. When Jesus casually sauntered past a boat full of staring, shocked men, they thought he was a ghost. This clearly indicates you

wetter than a drowned rat.

5. The last requirement for doing the Water Walk is to have complete faith in your ability.

The disciple Peter was a real copycat and stepped onto the Sea of Galilee after Jesus. But Peter didn't believe strongly enough and started to sink. He started screeching like a baby and whined: "Lord, save me."

All the guys in the boat were still gawking, so Jesus was kind of forced to keep him from drowning. He said, "Oh, you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Translation: Wipe all skepticism from your mind. With a little practice, you'll be able to trot from New

WWN FUN FACTS

By DORIAN WAGNER

THE South Pole has no sunshine for 182 days each year. "Stewardesses" is the longest word properly typed with only the left hand. An ant can survive for up to two weeks underwater.

That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week. Here's more:

- Each year, the average American consumes two 14-ounce bottles of ketchup.
- Baskin Robbins once made ketchup ice cream.
- 295: The number of pigeon species in the world.
- Toilet paper was invented in 1857 by Joseph C. Gayetty of New York City.
- Native Americans have unique names for the full moons of each month. September is the month of the Nut Moon.
- Bloomer, Wis., is the "Jump Rope Capital of the World."
- 68 percent of hockey players have lost at least one tooth.
- Americans spend over $630 million a year on golf balls.
- Myrtle Beach, S.C., has the most miniature golf courses per area in the U.S. — 47 in a 60-mile radius!
- Nearly half of all psychiatrists have been attacked by at least one of their patients.
- To make a one-pound comb of honey, bees have to collect nectar from about two million flowers.
- Uranus is the only planet that rotates on its

Mistaken identity!

In March 2000, Disney lifted its 43-year ban on mustaches for its theme park employees. Walt Disney originally set the rule to make sure his employees weren't mistaken for stereotypical "carnies."

Now that's shocking!

If you add all the numbers together on a roulette wheel (1 to 36), they total the mystical number 666, often associated with the Devil.

Talk about a bad review

Hitler was voted *Time* magazine's "Man of the Year" in 1938.

- Male swans are the only birds with penises.
- Zsa Zsa Gabor was the first — and only — recipient of the Golden

en was 1958.

- If every Oreo cookie eaten in a year were dunked, an extra 42.2 million gallons of milk would have to be produced to accommodate the dunking.
- The dot over the letter "i" is a tittle.
- Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after the characters in Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life*.
- 70% of household dust is dead skin cells.
- The hog-nosed skunk can spray a target 15 feet away. Not only does it stink, but a spritz in the eye will leave you blind for two days.
- Pulchritude: That quality of appearance which pleases the eye; beauty; grace; loveliness.
- Happy hour, the term referring to a period at a bar when drinks are served at reduced prices, has been around since about 1960.
- You have the same chance of dying by getting struck by lightning as you do from falling out of bed: 1 in 200,000. The glue on Israeli postage stamps is certified kosher. There are about 3,000 hot dog vendors in metropolitan New York.
- Chinese writing has more than 40,000 different characters.
- The loop on a belt that holds the non-buckle end is called a "keeper."
- During the 1400s in

KATRINA CAMPINS

- Being fired by Donald Trump on *The Apprentice*, has not stopped Katrina, who is in the top 3 percent of real estate agents nationwide.
- She says: "A woman that claims she doesn't use her sex appeal to sell, simply hasn't learned how to use it to her advantage."

It takes 3,000 cows to supply a single season's worth of footballs for the NFL — & more fascinating . . .

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MORE FOOTBALL TRIVIA

- Behind Christmas and Thanksgiving, Super Bowl Sunday ranks as the third-largest occasion for Americans to consume food.
- Joe Namath, former New York Jets quarterback, wore pantyhose to play on chilly days.

- Instant replay was first used during a 1963 televised Army-Navy football game. It became standard practice in 1964.
- Monday Night Football first premiered on ABC in 1970.
- In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt called Yale, Harvard and Princeton scholars to a White House meeting aimed at finding a way to stop the increasing brutali-

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GHOST HUBBY DRIVES AWAY BOYFRIENDS

By NICK JEFFREYS

'The fat S.O.B. is destroying my happiness from the grave,' wife says

WIDOW Edna Johnson, 45, is so fed up with her late husband George wrecking her romances that she's turned to a paranormal expert for help.

"That fat S.O.B. destroyed any chance of happiness I had while he was alive and now he's doing it from the grave," steams Edna from her home outside Houston, Texas.

"When he was in the hospital I prayed the turd would croak so I could be free of him. When the monitor flat-lined I laughed so hard I wet myself.

"The second I got home from the funeral I jumped onto the Internet and joined five dating services."

But much to her surprise, George, who passed away from a heart attack due to morbid obesity at age 57, stuck around to torment Edna and her gentleman callers.

"I knew right away he was still here," says Edna. "When my first boyfriend Stanley brought me home after the movies, he 'tripped' and the back of his underpants somehow got hung up on the coat tree.

"The giant wedgie squeezed his testicles until they popped. George loved to give me wedgies while I was cooking at the stove. He thought that was hilarious. Hardee-har-har.

ARE YOU KIDDING?

Paranormal experts predict that by 2075, almost every house in the U.S. will be haunted by someone who once lived there.

"He never wanted me to have any fun, kept me indoors with him to feed him around the clock and made fun of me. He called me the 'skinny witch.' We couldn't have children because George was too blubbery for marital relations."

Unfortunately, the taunting haunting was just getting started, and Edna's poor dates suffered repeated attacks.

"My second boyfriend Frank had his face pushed into a bowl of chicken soup I made for him," she recalls.

"Alan's beverage glass gave him a fat lip and broken teeth when it smacked him in the mouth as he was drinking. Roger's skull was fractured when the bathroom ceiling fell on his head and Hugh's leg broke in three places when the front door slammed on it.

"George was a mean person but he's a meaner ghost.

"When word got around the on-line dating rooms that I was bad luck, my phone stopped ringing."

Bruce Alcott, an old childhood pal, recently moved back to the area and looked in on Edna. The two became friendly, then began to date.

"Bruce is a wonderful man," she says. "He's sweet and generous and kind. He says I'm beautiful. If George messes this up for me I'm going to . . . well, I was going to say 'kill him,' but he's already dead. Not that it did me any good."

In desperation, Edna consulted Professor Daniel Rudd at nearby Texas Spiritual University.

"The answer is simple," says Rudd. "I told Mrs. Johnson to pack her things and plant a 'For Sale' sign on the lawn. George is angry and 'stuck' in the place where he and Edna lived, but he can't follow her."

The happy widow followed Rudd's advice and is now living with Alcott in a gated community.

"We golf, swim, fish, boat and jog together," says Edna. "Next month we're getting married.

FAMILY VALUES GROUP DEMANDS UGLY DRESS CODE FOR TEACHERS

IN THE WAKE of an epidemic of teacher-student sex scandals, a leading family-values organization is demanding a strict dress code — for schoolteachers!

"One of the underlying causes of this nationwide problem is that many young teachers dress too sexy in an effort to look 'hip,'" says Claire MacLevy of the American Parents Research Council.

"If a middle-school teacher wiggles into the classroom wearing a tight mini-skirt or low-rider pants that flaunt her teensy thong, we can't blame red-blooded adolescent boys from getting the wrong idea.

"Schoolmarms should look like schoolmarms."

The APRC wants state boards of education to institute the following rules:

- Skirts must be ankle-length or longer.
- Hair should be kept in tight buns or unstylish beehive hairdos.
- Panties must be worn at all times — no thongs permitted.
- Push-up bras are a no-no.
- Male teachers must wear rumpled, long-out-of-style jackets, preferably corduroy ones with leather patches.
- Sexy, blow-dried hair is forbidden for male teachers. Crew cuts are prefer-

ONE whiff of Hamid Hussan al-Akim, right, and these suspected dissidents begin puking.

IRAQI MAN SMELLS SO BAD HE'S BEEN LABELED WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION!

A DEVASTATING weapon of mass destruction has been located in Iraq — and his name is Hamid Hussan al-Akim!

Hamid is the world's smelliest man. His body odor is so intense that Saddam Hussein's notorious Secret Police used him to torture hundreds of suspected dissidents and political activists at Abu Ghraib prison. Recently discovered files show that eight people died and dozens more were hospitalized after being forced to sit next to Hamid in a closed room.

"We knew there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and now we have proof," said a high-ranking Bush administration official. "We plan to take our findings regarding Hamid to the United Nations to justify our position that Saddam posed an imminent threat to the United States and the rest of the world."

However, Hamid, 47, says he's as much a victim as the people who suffered in his presence.

"My extreme body odor is the result of a rare medical condition," he told the *WWN* by phone. "I should be facing a team of medical experts, not a military tribunal. I was forced at gunpoint to do the things they say I did, and I feel terrible about it. I only hope the rest of the world will understand."

Did you know...

THOUGH human noses have an impressive 5 million olfactory cells with which to

ISLAND TRIBE GILLIGAN LIKE

'He created the Professor and Mary Anne and set them in the Garden of Eden,' says cult member

BORN-AGAIN Castaways on the uncharted desert Isle of Sakajaweewee drop to the sand and pray at the mere mention of their loving god Gilligan, says a British anthropologist.

"They believe the famous TV character from the ridiculous '60s program *Gilligan's Island* will come in glory to judge the living and the dead," says Dr. Trevor Smythe, who sought out the remote Indonesian enclave to film a BBC documentary.

"I first noticed the Gilligan image carved atop the traditional nude dancing poles. Upon closer inspection, I discovered that beneath Gilligan was the Skipper, too, the millionaire and his wife, the movie star, the professor and Mary Anne, here on Sakajaweewee's Isle."

Through his interpreter, Smythe asked Chief Chin-jow-haha about the "holy" engravings.

In perfect English, taught to him by a missionary, the leader answered: "Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale."

Smythe's crew shot while the villagers, wearing white sailor hats, fervently tried to convert them to Castawayism.

"In the beginning, Gilligan created the heavens and the earth," intoned a woman named Mumu, her hands clasped in reverence. "Then Gilligan said: 'Let there be light,' and there was light. He created the Professor and Mary Anne and put them in the Garden of Eden.

"The Skipper built an ark and named it the Minnow. The weather started getting rough, the tiny ship was tossed. If not for the courage of the fearless crew, the *Minnow* would be lost — the *Minnow* would be lost."

Chief Chin-jow-haha broke in to explain that years ago Pastor Hawthorne had taught the people to worship Jesus.

"But he was wrong," the chief told Smythe. "The king of a faraway land called Hollywood came here on his yacht and told us many stories about Lord Gilligan — how He once helped Mr. and Mrs. Howell find love again, how He opened his mouth and radio music miraculously burst forth. He made peace between Mary Anne and Ginger after they drew a line down the center of their hut.

"The king said if we didn't believe in Gilligan we would be canceled!"

Smythe kindly thanked the islanders for their hospitality and went home to London to edit his documentary.

"Poor buggers, I didn't have the heart to tell them they'd been cuckolded by a rich American with a twisted sense of humor — that the 'miracles' were sitcom plots and Gilligan was only a character on a cheesy television comedy," sighs the anthropologist.

Smythe attempted to contact actor Bob Denver, who played the goofy first mate, and left a message detailing the strange cult and explaining how they worshiped Denver as a god.

"I never heard anything back in reply," says Smythe. "But rumor has it that just the night before, he retired from show business and moved to a new home in a place with no phone service.

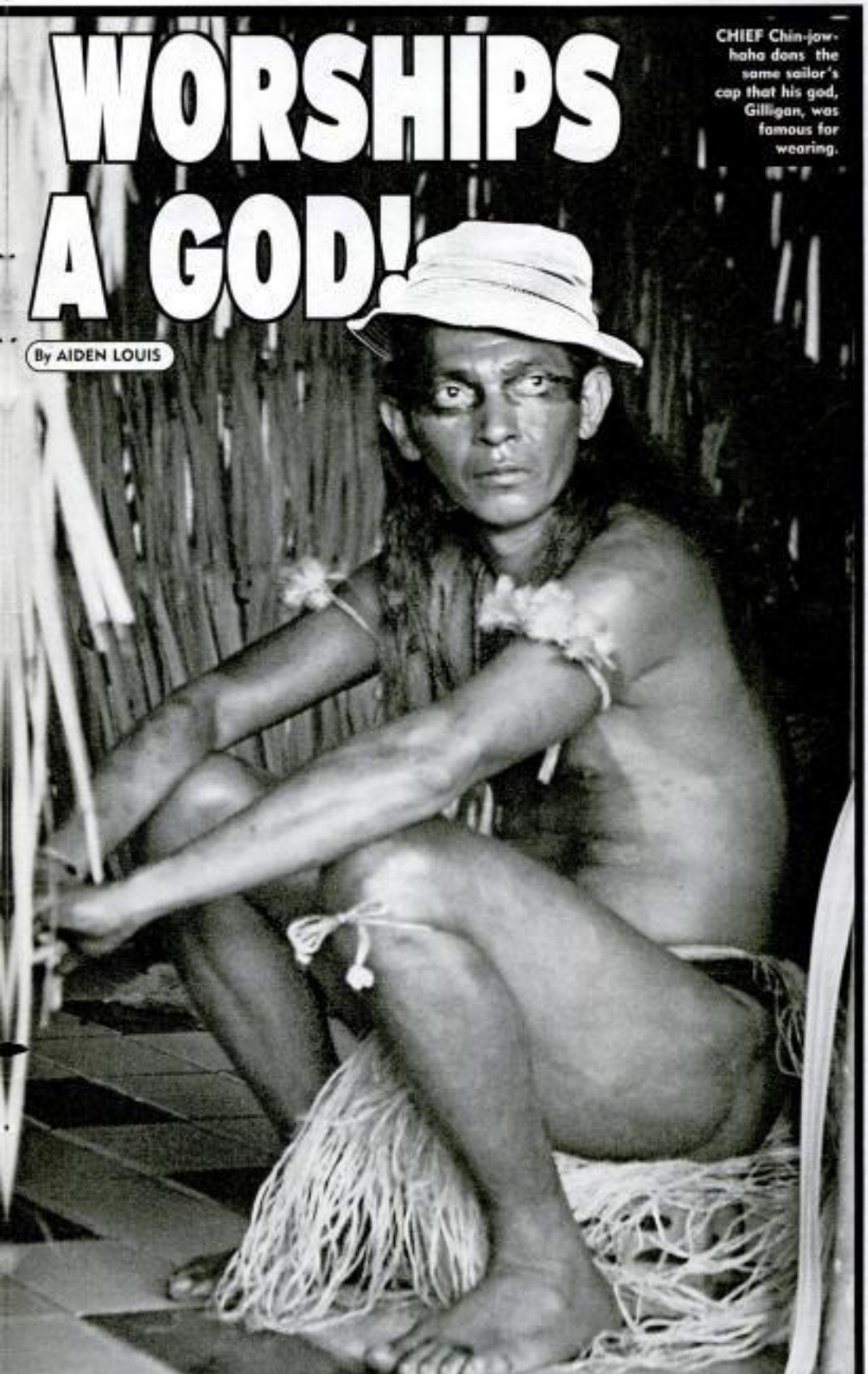
"It was bloody bad timing on my part. I would have liked to get Mr. Denver's reaction to being loved and

ARE YOU KIDDING?

Archaeologists in Egypt recently unearthed a clay pot estimated to be 2,000 years old, carved with the face of a woman who looks eerily similar to Zsa Zsa Gabor.

WORSHIPS A GOD!

By AIDEN LOUIS



CHIEF Chin-jow-haha dons the same sailor's cap that his god, Gilligan, was famous for wearing.

ARE YOU AN OBNOXIOUS JERK?

Expert clues you in

DESPITE what your mother says, you might be totally obnoxious.

"Rude behavior is spreading through society like mold on rotting cheese," says noted psychologist and grocery checker Dr. Horace T. Wagstaff in his latest book, *Lifestyles of the Neurotically Obnoxious*. He asserts that if you continuously exhibit any of the following behavior, you are unquestionably obnoxious.

- You stubbornly perform the Heimlich maneuver on people who aren't choking.
- You make cookies out of putty to see if old people's dentures get stuck.
- You starch your roommate's underpants so he can't sit down at an important job interview.
- You sneeze on your friend's lunch so she'll offer to let you finish her burger and fries.
- You scratch other people's mosquito bites just when they stop itching.
- You spear the last piece of chicken with your fork and ask, "Anyone want this?"
- You laugh at people who didn't score at least 1200 on their SATs, even though you barely made 600.
- You have a runny nose and tell the hostess at a formal dinner party, "No, I don't need a tissue," and then blow your nose in her fancy linen napkin.
- You walk around the mall shouting into your cell phone, "I don't care if your name is Spielberg, I'm not making another movie with you."

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